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RICHTER'S DECEMBER CLEARANCE SALE.

Right now, when our cold weather is with us and more to come, we have started our Sale in the Ready to Wear Department.

One third off on all Coats, Suits, Dresses, Furs

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| 12.00 | " | 9.00 |

We can not use any deception in our reductions. All garments are marked in plain figures. Come early and secure choice

Aug. C. Richter

ONE THING'S SURE.

EVERY ITEM THAT GOES INTO MAKING OF CLOTHES HAS GONE UP IN PRICE--WOOLENS, TRIMMINGS AND THE WAGES OF LABOR.



THIS MEANS EITHER--
you must pay more
for good clothes
you must pay the
same for inferior clothes
OR
you must choose your
clothes-maker
Intelligently.

WE HAVE DONE IT FOR YOU.

WE HAVE CHOSEN
**KUPPENHEIMER,
STEIN-BOCH AND
MICHAELS-STEIN & CO.**

BECAUSE THESE ARE THE FIRMS
WHICH WE KNOW
HAVE THE CAPITAL
HAVE THE EXPERIENCE
HAVE THE SKILL AND WILL
TO BUY RIGHT AND TO MANUFACTURE
RIGHT-AND TO SELL RIGHT.
AND HERE'S THE RESULT.

We can sell you the same high grade of Kuppenheimer, Stein-Boch or Michaels-Stein & Co. Clothing this season at the same moderate prices as last season.

DON'T YOU THINK WE ARE ENTITLED
TO YOUR TRADE THIS FALL?

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THE STORE OF SUPER-SERVICE

CONSUMERS ICE & FUEL COMPANY

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Ice Cream
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TELEPHONE 145

AMERICAN CONGRESSMAN HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM INJURY ON ITALIAN FRONT

Army Automobile Skidded Over Twenty Foot Drop when Congressman who Fired First Shot Against Austrians was a Passenger—Chauffeur was the Only One Hurt, but the Car was Demolished.

GORE IN SANITARIUM.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Gore of Oklahoma went to a sanitarium here today for treatment for nervous trouble and insomnia.

TO TRY ALLEGED GUNMAN.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 15.—"Butch" Mascia, the New York gunman who is alleged to have fired the shot that killed Detective George A. Eppley on the recent primary election day in this city, is to be placed on trial Monday before Judge Carr. Mascia will be the first of the seven men under arrest to face a jury.

CANADA'S CAMPAIGN ENDS.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 15.—The elections throughout Canada on Monday will express their political preferences and on their verdict depends the fate of the Unionist Government, which was formed by Premier Borden last October to meet the conditions arising from the war. The election will decide whether Sir Robert L. Borden shall be granted a new lease of power, or supplanted by the Liberal Opposition under the leadership of the veteran Sir Wilfrid Laurier. A victory for the present regime will probably result in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's permanent retirement from public life. It will also mean the speeding up of the conscription machinery and other war measures in Canada.

The campaign which closes today has been hotly contested in all the Provinces, and although conditions in Western Canada, the Maritime Provinces and certain other sections of the Dominion are believed to strongly favor the Borden Administration the results cannot be accurately forecasted.
Politicians are everywhere active on the closing day of the campaign which has stirred the whole of Canada as never before. The Canadian law forbids a political party to hire vehicles to convey electors to the polls, but the use of conveyances of all kinds is being donated for Monday. Final instructions were sent to the political workers today, and complete arrangements made for getting out the full vote.

COLONEL GREGORIO OZUNA SUCCUMBED TO HIS WOUNDS

Brother of General Carlos Ozuna, Wounded at Battle of Agualeguas, Died of Wounds in Nuevo Laredo.

Official announcement was made in Nuevo Laredo yesterday of the death of Colonel Gregorio Ozuna, who succumbed to wounds received in the battle with Almazan rebels at Agualeguas on December 5, when Colonel Ozuna received several wounds in the body during the fight.

Colonel Ozuna, who was attached to the command which attacked the rebels at Agualeguas and defeated them after a two hours fight, was a brother of General Carlos Ozuna, commander of the Carranza army at Saltillo, and who at this time is in the vicinity of Nuevo Laredo hunting down and engaging in battle the several forces of rebels scattered in the nearby country and who are under the command of General Juan Andreu Almazan.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Tonight and Sunday cloudy; warmer.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Max. temp. 70 degs.
Min. temp. 46 degs.
General direction of wind: Northwest.
Cloudy.

By Associated Press.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 15.—Congressman George H. Tinkham of Boston, who fired the first American shot against Austria, had a narrow escape from injury today when an army automobile in which he was riding skidded over the mountain side and dropped 20 feet. The car was demolished, but all escaped injury but the chauffeur.

Kaiser Offers Peace.

London, Dec. 15.—Emperor William, in his Christmas message, proposes to make a final peace offer to his enemies, "on whom, in case of rejection, will fall the responsibility for the bloodshed in 1918," according to an

RANGER COMPANIES COMING TO LAREDO

One Will Be Stationed Here
and Other to Have Their
Headquarters Here.

Under the reorganization of the Texas Ranger Force and the creation of additional forces of rangers Laredo will soon have two companies of state rangers stationed here—in fact one of the companies will be stationed in this city and the other will maintain headquarters here.

Between now and December 30 Captain Will Wright, who has resigned as sheriff of Wilson county to accept a captaincy of rangers, will arrive here with his company to take station, while Captain William Ryan, of Luling, with a company of rangers will be stationed near this city, but will make Laredo their headquarters. Both companies will be here by the first of the year.

VOLUNTEERS SAVED BY MR. BAKER'S ORDER

THOSE WHO OFFERED THEM-
SELVES UP TO NOON ARE
TO BE GIVEN FURTHER
CHANCE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Secretary Baker today came to the relief of thousands of men who have volunteered for the regular army by ordering that all qualified applicants who have presented themselves before noon today should be accepted, even though their examination and other details could not be accomplished until later. Thousands seeking to volunteer before the draft went into effect at noon had been turned away because the recruiting stations were swamped.

Situation Not Serious.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 15.—The coal situation in Texas is not serious but that it can be handled with the co-operation of both the retail dealers and the consumers, according to the statement of Wiley Blair, the state fuel administrator, at a meeting with the advisory committee.

Flour Distributor Appointed.

New York, Dec. 15.—George Zabriske, a member of the New York produce exchange, has accepted the appointment as head flour distributor of the food administrator.

To Vote on Prohibition.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The house agreed today to vote on a constitutional amendment for nation wide prohibition at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon.

SALOONKEEPER SHOT.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 15.—Tom E. Moore, a saloonkeeper near here, was shot and killed early today. Vest Moore, a bartender, surrendered to the sheriff.

JUBILEE OF GALVESTON BISHOP.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 15.—The Rt. Rev. Nicholas A. Gallagher tomorrow will celebrate the silver jubilee anniversary of his consecration as bishop of the Catholic diocese of Galveston. Bishop Gallagher is a native of Ohio and is now in his eighty-second year. Next December he will attain the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. During the early years of his church career he was attached to the Columbus, O. diocese. In 1882 he came to Galveston to become administrator of the diocese and ten years later he succeeded to the bishopric.

unofficial Berlin telegram forwarded from Geneva by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

American Arrested in Russia.

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—Chas. S. Smith of St. Louis, a member of the staff of John H. Stevens, head of the American railway commission of Russia, is reported to have been arrested. Mr. Smith is reported to have been arrested at Tshita, Siberia, in company with M. Oustrogoff, former assistant minister of railways.

Ambassador Francis has telegraphed to the American consuls at Harbin and Vladivostok to intervene.

Norway Loses 5,000 Sailors.

London, Dec. 15.—It is officially stated that Norway has lost 5,000 sailors during the war, a Central News despatch from Christiania reports. The sinking of two more steamships was mentioned in the despatch.

Another British Advance.

London, Dec. 15.—The British have made another advance in Palestine northeast of Jerusalem, the war office announces.

Treaty is Formulated.

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—A treaty between Russia and Germany has been formulated, according to the official Russian statement received here.

Cossack Cities Captured.

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—The cities of Rostov, Makhitchevan and Taganrog, in the Don Cossack territory, are in the hands of the Bolshevik troops, an official news bureau reports. General Kalendines, leader of the Don Cossacks, the announcement adds, has been arrested by Generals Kaldin and Botosky and their staffs, who have invited the mayor of Rostov to go to Novo Tcherkask, the Cossack capital, to discuss the suspension of military operations.

Two Americans Wounded.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 15.—A bursting shell has wounded two American railway engineers working behind the British front, according to a report received today.

Heavy Fighting in Progress.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 15.—Heavy fighting is in progress today on the mountain front northeast of the Brenta river. The enemy is attacking to advance his positions, as he has those west of the river which would give him two lines of approaches to the Brenta river and the open plain.

British Regained Ground.

London, Dec. 15.—The British have regained a part of the ground won by the Germans on the Ypres front yesterday, the war office reports.

J. K. Beretta, President
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P. W. Buttrick, Ass't. Cashier

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USE OUR HARDWARE: IT STANDS HARD WEAR.

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Why Wait Until The Last Minute

Shop early and avoid the rush. Our stock is greater than ever and you will have no trouble in making your selection from our line. Every article is guaranteed or money refunded. Engraving free.

L. DAICHES, Jeweler



We've been selling Yale Padlocks for a lot of years.

We've had plenty of chance to find out how they work in actual use—

And we'll continue to recommend Yale Padlocks.

There are many different styles and sizes for many different uses.

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ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

The Reliable Playhouse, The Unique that affords to its patrons security and comfort
BEST MUSIC, BEST FILM SERVICE
—TODAY—

Carlyle Blackwell, Madge Evans and Evelyn Greeley in "THE BURGLAR" from the play by Augustus Thomas.
Also "A MILK FED VAMPIRE," Fox Sunshine comedy. There is a laugh every minute in Sunshine comedies.
Ford Educational Weekly.
Admission 10c and 20c; box seats 25c.
Tomorrow: Roy Stewart in "THE MEDICINE MAN," DISTINGUISHED PASSION," Keystone comedy.

From Friday's Daily.

THE LAYMAN IN WAR.

General Crozier, chief of ordnance of the United States army, says that the responsibility for delay in getting machine guns, so necessary in modern warfare, lay personally with Secretary Baker, who took charge of the tests between the various types submitted for acceptance.

As a result, not only our troops in Europe had to be furnished with foreign guns, but those at home in training camps also had to be furnished with the foreign guns, which are an admittedly inferior weapon, simply because a layman interfered with the proper functions of the ordnance department.

Of course, there will be many who will lay this charge to professional jealousy, but it should be remembered that a man is not always equipped to do professional work merely because he is a skilled politician.

There is much that Secretary Baker can do—has done, in fact—to speed up the work of equipping and arming our armies. But when it comes to a question of professional and expert knowledge, he should take a back seat and let the men who have made it a life study select the arms.

It must be remembered that Mr. Baker is by profession a lawyer and by vocation a politician. He was not as the "boy wonder" among Ohio and other politicians of the campaign of garden variety, and he was selected by President Wilson as chief of the war department for his executive ability, not because he was in any way familiar with military matters.

After all, a secretary of war is more of a figurehead than an acting head of department. The chief clerks in the various sections of the war department do more of the actual work, even to the assigning of the commanders to the various departments and districts, than their nominal chief.

It is not comprehensible that Mr. Baker claimed to know more about ordnance than the veteran General Crozier, nor is it conceivable that he should arrogate to himself knowledge which is not possessed by men who have made ordnance, explosives and ballistics their life study.

In questions of what is the best for the American army to use it is entirely safe to submit the matter to the heads of the various departments. Can one fancy a man who perhaps has made a few trips to the Adirondacks telling the quartermaster general of our armies what camp equipment is best? Yet a mistake in this line would not be nearly so dangerous as a mistake in the selection of the type of machine gun.

For many years the ordnance department has had experts who can only tell at a glance whether a weapon is practical, but they can, given amount of powder, the weight of the projectile and the trajectory, tell the exact range of that weapon to a fraction of a yard. They can tell whether or not the machine guns, for instance, are easy or difficult to handle in the field, and whether or not they can be handled by men with a limited experience. They can even tell whether a gun is over or undersighted without firing it for a test.

It is against such expert knowledge as this that the secretary of war opposes his ignorance. The mere title of secretary of war does not make of him a military man. He is not qualified to preside over a board of strategy because he succeeded in election in an Ohio town when a mere boy. It is doubtful if he could score a "possible" with a Springfield rifle, or even knows when a gun is at safety even though loaded.

We have had secretaries of war who were soldiers; we have had others who were more fitted for ribbon clerks; but we have rarely had a secretary of war in time of war who opposed his ignorance to the expert knowledge of his superiors in intellect and experience.

A sudden stop should be called to such dangerous practices. It may be that Mr. Baker possesses a knowledge of mechanics greater than is believed by his peers. But this is no time for experiment. Supposing he should select a type of machine gun merely because it looked well and seemed to work well. It is certain that the average country printer would not trust him to select the type of gasoline engine with which to print the weekly edition; why should he arrogate to himself the expert knowledge necessary to select the type of machine gun which may win—or lose—the war?

THE NEW UPRISING.

It is disheartening, after all the efforts on the part of Americans to re-establish the friendly relations which existed prior to the Madero revolution, to note that Mexican officialdom, almost without exception, is not well disposed toward this country.

Every time there is a revolt—and there have been many during the past few years—it is openly charged by the Mexican officials that the insurrection has its headquarters on the American side, and that the disaffected have crossed from the United States to Mexico, the insinuation being that our government is in collusion with the rebels.

On occasions during the past years—noticeably since the government came into power—the aid of our government

—there have been raids into American territory by Mexican bandits. But it is significant to note that, with the exception of the raid at Columbus, New Mexico, almost every one of the raids has been by Mexicans in Carrancista uniform, armed with Carrancista rifles, and even in some cases condoned by Carrancista officers.

De la Rosa and Pizana were both authorized representatives of the Carrancista military forces, the former even holding a commission in the Carranza army and openly recruiting in Matamoros and other places. On every occasion when our troops have had a clash in the lower country, the Mexicans killed and wounded were shown to be in the uniform of the Carrancista forces, and bearing arms which could have come only from the Carranza garrisons.

It is now attempted to show that Almazan's forces were furnished with arms and equipment from this side, and a Carranza officer openly declares that the major part of his forces are men who have crossed from this side in recent days.

This is not only a damaging insinuation against our government officials, it is also a confession of weakness on the part of the Mexican officials. If the latter cannot keep out undesirable, why should our government worry over them?

The charge was made by Mexican officials that the Almazan party were armed with rifles from this country and that their saddles were made in the United States. Naturally the insinuation was that our government had permitted a violation of its own embargo in order to aid a revolt against the existing Mexican government.

While we are at war with a foreign country, no precaution is missed to enforce our embargo on arms for any foreign country, and particularly is this the case with regard to Mexico, where there are so many disaffected and so many German agents.

It may be that the Germans were able to slip in the rifles with which the Mexican rebels were armed. It is certain that they did not cross the American border, for our customs officials and our troops are ever on the watch for any attempt at smuggling contraband in either direction.

It should be understood now and forever that our government is not aiding any rebels against any constituted government. It should be understood that without the collusion of Mexican officials in the various ports of entry the disaffected Mexicans could not enter that country. And if the rebels crossed through any American port they certainly carried with them no American arms or military equipment.

So far as we can learn, Almazan has been for some time in Mexico. We have not been able to secure any information which would indicate that he has recently been on American soil. So far as we know, he is not even in communication with conspirators in the United against the Mexican government.

His uprising took place a long way from the border, and in the neighborhood of Carrancista garrisons. If he was able to import arms and ammunition, as well as "American" saddles, the Mexican authorities are to blame. But it will not do at this late hour to try to indict the American government on the ground that we have aided Almazan or any other rebel against Mexican authority to wage war upon a friendly country.

Six deaths in Camp Travis sounds ominous until one remembers that there are somewhere around 40,000 soldiers there. The daily death rate in some of our Spanish War camps was much greater, and there were comparatively fewer soldiers from which to take the toll.

Spain is getting ready to make another protest to the German government concerning the bombardment of a Spanish steamer by a German submarine. But that is as far as it will go. Spain is too anxious to be known as the great mediator to openly break with Germany.

Governor Cox of Ohio was told where to head in by Fuel Administrator Garfield in regard to the disposal of coal in that state. Looks as if Ohio ought to be in no worse fix than some of the states that do not mine any coal and are distant from the mining states.

With a daily expenditure of some thirty-four millions, Great Britain would seem to be a candidate for the spendthrift medal. But wait until our own expenditures are made public, and watch England drop to the piker class.

LEFT TODAY FOR MONTEREY BUT WILL RETURN SHORTLY

United States Consul Robertson Will Be Here for Conference of Governors to Be Held Next Week.

United States Consul Randolph Robertson, who accompanied Ambassador and Mrs. Fletcher from Monterey to Laredo, left on his return to Monterey on the train leaving Nuevo Laredo this morning.

Consul Robertson will return to Laredo next Monday and be here during the conference between Governor Hobbs of this state and Governor Zambrano of the state of Nuevo Leon.

"CORN KING OF MEXICO" NOW IN NUEVO LAREDO TO TALK

Will Tell People of That City How to Plant and Grow Corn and Encourage Them to Do So.

Seferino Dominguez, known to the agricultural experts of the United States and Mexico as the "corn king of Mexico," arrived in Nuevo Laredo today from Southern Mexico, where he has an extensive corn plantation, and will make a public address to the people of Nuevo Laredo and tell them how to grow corn in a scientific manner that will result in large and wholesale yields.

Mr. Dominguez has attended numerous farmers institutes and congresses in the United States in recent years and his lectures on how to grow corn to get the best results have attracted wide attention wherever he has had an opportunity to express himself on the important subject. His corn plantation in Southern Mexico is pronounced one of the most ideal and best conducted to be found anywhere and the yields of corn therefrom are very heavy.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued by Jno. C. Scott, Referee in Bankruptcy, in the District Court of the United States, for the Southern District of Texas, I, trustee in the Matter of Samuel Alonzo Yates, Bankrupt, will sell for cash, subject to Referee's approval, the following described property at the highest obtainable price:

(1) A nine-tenths (9-10) interest of Dolina Mine in Vallecillo District, in the State of Nuevo Leon, in the Republic of Mexico. (2) The claim of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in the suit of Yates vs. Texas Mexican Railroad Company, et al, which suit is now pending in the District Court of Webb County, Texas. (3) The one hundred and fifty dollar (\$150) judgment in the case of Yates vs. Pence, which case is now on appeal. (4) The one-half share or portion, owned by the bankrupt, in a certain judgment recovered by him for the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) against The International and Great Northern Railway Company.

DARIO SANCHEZ,

Trustee of the Samuel Alonzo Yates Estate, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, Dec. 13, 1917.

12-14-10t.

WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE TO BE HELD HERE MONDAY

Governor Zambrano of Nuevo Leon Will Be Here to Hold Conference With Governor W. P. Hobbs.

According to information given The Times this morning, Governor Nicerio Zambrano of the state of Nuevo Leon will arrive in Laredo from Monterey on next Monday morning for a conference in this city with Governor W. P. Hobbs of Texas on matters tending to bring about a better understanding between the Mexican and American officials along the border.

It was at first reported that the governors of Tamaulipas, Coahuila and Nuevo Leon would come here for the conference, but as the governors of the states of Coahuila and Tamaulipas are only "acting governors," it was decided to eliminate them from the conference and name Governor Zambrano as the Mexican representative at the conference.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the collection of City taxes for the year 1917. Hours:—9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

D. C. de LACHICA, City Tax Collector. 12-14-1m.

A CLEAR COMPLEXION

Ruddy Cheeks—Sparkling Eyes—Most Women Can Have

Says Dr. Edwards, a Well-Known Ohio Physician

Dr. F. M. Edwards for 17 years treated scores of women for liver and bowel ailments. During these years he gave to his patients a prescription made of a few well-known vegetable ingredients mixed with olive oil, naming them Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets. You will know them by their olive color.

These tablets are wonder-workers on the liver and bowels, which cause a normal action, carrying off the waste and poisonous matter in one's system.

If you have a pale face, sallow look, dull eyes, pimples, coated tongue, headaches, a listless, no-good feeling, all out of sorts, inactive bowels, you take one of Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets nightly for a time and note the pleasing results.

Thousands of women as well as men take Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets—the successful substitute for calomel—now and then just to keep in the pink of condition. 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

COULDN'T GET OUT

OF BED BY HERSELF

MRS. WILLIAMS WAS SO CRIPPLED UP WITH RHEUMATISM SHE COULD HARDLY MOVE.

"Tanlac helped me right up out of bed after everything else failed and if I hadn't taken it when I did I believe I would be lying there yet," said Mrs. G. Williams, of 716 South Maybelle Street, Tulsa, Okla.

"I was in a terrible rundown condition for the last six months," she explained, "and my sufferings from indigestion and rheumatism were something awful. I had to be particular about what I ate for nearly everything disagreed with me and gas would form from sour undigested food and bloated me so I was miserable for hours. I got thin and weak and fell off to less than a hundred pounds and rheumatism gave me so much pain I couldn't get out of bed without help and then I could hardly stand on my feet. My arms and lower limbs hurt all the time and many a night I couldn't get an hour's sleep. My nerves were all unstrung and I was so worn out I had to take to my bed and at times I was so weak I couldn't move without somebody helping me."

One of my neighbors told me about Tanlac and I decided to try it. I have now taken seven bottles and it sure chased away that rheumatism in a hurry. I have been feeling splendid for several weeks now and haven't had a pain to speak of. My appetite is good and I can eat most anything I want without it hurting me. My nerves are in good shape, I sleep like a child and get up in the morning feeling fine. I am picking up now every day and I know from what it has done for me that Tanlac is the best medicine on earth."

Tanlac is sold in Laredo by Windrow Drug Co. (Adv.)

MINISTER SOUTH AMERICA FROM MEXICO ARRIVES HERE

Leave This Evening for New York, Where He Will Take Steamer for His New Post in Venezuela.

Fernando Cuen, the newly-appointed minister from Mexico to the republic of Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador, arrived in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, today from Mexico City en route to his post of duty, and will make his headquarters in Venezuela.

Minister Cuen arrived in Laredo this afternoon and leaves tonight for New York, from which place he will take a steamer to Venezuela reaching his destination about the beginning of the new year.

REPORT GOODS RECOVERED ON MEXICAN SIDE OF RIVER

Advices Say Carranza Soldiers Overtook Wagons in Which Goods Were Transported, But Bandits Escape.

According to advices received in Laredo yesterday afternoon, the several hundred dollars' worth of merchandise which was stolen when Mexican bandits raided a store at Lopeña, near Zapata, last week, has been recovered by Carranza soldiers, who captured the wagons containing the goods, but the bandits made their escape. The capture was made near Mier, Mexico.

The store raided by the bandits belonged to Delfonso Ramirez, a merchant of this city.

Broom Corn Seed.

Oklahoma dwarf broom corn seed, cream and red, dwarf maize, dwarf kafir, feterita and cane. All \$6.00 per 100 lbs. freight prepaid.

CLAYCOMB SEED STORE,

Guymon, Oklahoma. 12-13-3t.

JACKIE McWILLIAMS DEAD; FUNERAL WAS HELD TODAY

Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McWilliams Succumbed Yesterday Afternoon to Stomach Trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McWilliams have the sympathy of their numerous friends in the bereavement which befell them yesterday afternoon when their three year old son, Jackie, succumbed to an illness superinduced by stomach trouble.

The funeral was held this morning at 10 o'clock from the home on the Heights, with services conducted by Rev. W. L. Barr of the Methodist church, and interment was in the city cemetery.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight fair; frost to coast. Saturday partly cloudy; rising temperature.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 50 degs. Min. temp. 32 degs. General direction of wind: North. Cloudy.

LITTLE LOCALS

—The importations from Mexico through the port of Laredo today consisted of two carloads of ixtle, three carloads of lead and nine carloads of calamine.

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Crockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas. 6-11-1t.

—Saturday's Specials at Miss Saltee's: 50 trimmed hats half of regular price; 50 Buella Embroidery packages at one quarter off. Cash only.

—We repair typewriters. Oliver Agency. Strand Building. 12-4-12t.

—The mercury dropped down to the freezing point again this morning and thin ice formed in receptacles left out in the open with water in them. Cold weather has prevailed here throughout the past week and is still in evidence. But by Christmas there will be a big change and the most glad-some of all days will no doubt be of the usual kind at Christmastime.

—Special Saturday at the Hat Shop: \$15 hats for \$7.50; \$10 hats for \$5; \$7.50 hats for \$3.50. 12-13-3t.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores and Brother. 12-10-15.

—On account of the passport being put into effect at this time of the year the usual large number of purchasers of Christmas goods who come here annually from Mexico are conspicuous by their absence this year. But the merchants will have to stand the loss, for the passport measure is an important one and is being enforced to the letter.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Saltee. 11-23-1m.

—The Hat Shop. We are receiving hats up to the latest word in style every few days. 11-14-1m.

—On account of "engine trouble," the I. & G. N. train scheduled to reach here this morning arrived several hours behind time. Morning distribution of mail was consequently delayed until this forenoon.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Barthelox, No. 48. 9-15-1t.

—Special Saturday at the Hat Shop: \$15 hats for \$7.50; \$10 hats for \$5; \$7.50 hats for \$3.50. 12-13-3t.

—Saturday's Specials at Miss Saltee's: 50 trimmed hats half of regular price; 50 Buella Embroidery packages at one quarter off. Cash only.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed. 8-11-1t.

—Just arrived, carload of toys. R. Flores and Brother. 12-10-15.

—Have you bought a supply of the Red Cross Christmas Seals to be used on your holiday greetings and Christmas packages? If not, it is just the time to do so, and thereby help a good cause in addition to providing seasonable ornamentation for postcards, letters and packages. The little seals cost one cent each and can be obtained from almost any Laredo business house.

—If you want a corset that gives perfect satisfaction, let us serve you. The Gold Medal is surely the one for you. We give individual service. The Hat Shop. 11-14-1m.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county. 7-19-1t.

—The civil case of Manuel Saenz vs. the Hotel Hamilton Co., suit for damages, is still on trial in the district court.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-1t.

—The Bellmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017. 6-20-1t.

—The criminal docket for the present term of the district court of the Forty-ninth Judicial District will be taken up on next Tuesday morning, December 18. There are a number of cases set for trial during the week.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-1t.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Antonio Garcia and Miss Francisca Perez, Carlos Hernandez and Mrs. Gregoria Abrego, Francisco Valadez and Miss Antonia Flores.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-6t.

Notice to Hunters.

On account of the severe drouth and consequent thin condition of my stock I must request all of my friends not to ask me for permits to hunt. To others who trespass I shall prosecute according to law.

H. H. JEFFERIES, 11-12-1m.

BELL-ANS

Absolutely Removes Indigestion. Druggists refund money if it fails. 25c

Few Women of Today Work Blindly

Used to be that daughters adhered strictly to mothers' methods of home management. They used certain baking recipes simply because they were favorites of former generations.

Times have changed radically. Colleges and clubs have been established for the express purpose of determining just which baking method and baking materials are best.

Many domestic scientists devote their lives to research and experimental work. They are constantly testing food products. They conduct exhaustive comparative tests. They accept and endorse only such methods and baking processes as have been found superior through scientific measurement of merit. These decisions are given wide publicity. The result is that the housewife of today produces more wholesome and perfect bakings at less cost than ever before.

I have conducted many experiments and have investigated experiments conducted by scores of other domestic scientists. My own work and the decisions handed down by other pure food specialists and domestic scientists—bring out the evidence that the overwhelming majority employ and advocate the use of one special brand of baking powder—which proves once more the old saying that "there is only one best."

I know that this baking powder has won its popularity among experts on merit alone. Because I know that they show no partiality. To obtain their approval a product must possess superiority. And that superiority must cover every phase of baking powder quality of material and action. It must be absolutely sure in results—never fail. It must be perfectly pure—leave no harmful residue in the foods. It must produce the best grade of bakings—cakes, biscuits, etc., that are light, tender and tasty. Finally—it must be a baking powder that is economical in both cost and use.

Calumet Baking Powder is the one baking powder that has won the verdict of superiority and the hearty endorsement of expert domestic scientists—who like myself have proved Calumet's superiority beyond dispute. This superiority "sanctioned" as it is by eminent domestic science authorities certainly clearly indicates that Calumet gives the housewife the greatest of Baking Powder value.

Maudie Marie Costello

NOTE—Miss Costello is already well known to most of the ladies of our city. She is of the Domestic Science Branch of the University of Chicago, a graduate of Lewis Institute, Supervisor of Domestic Science in Public Schools, Special Lecturer on Domestic Arts and Economy, Special Lecturer to the Women's Clubs.

We are publishing a series of her most important articles.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

AJAX AUTOMOBILE TIRES

ARE GUARANTEED FOR 5000 MILES

For the next 10 days we are going to allow you a discount of 15 per cent from current prices on this well know brand of tires. This is the time to supply your tire needs.

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We solicit your patronage and promise service, satisfaction and promptness.

PERSONALS

BENDER:—W. S. Sigler, St. Louis, Mo.; N. C. Holsten, Houston; S. Strauss, San Antonio; J. N. Barinlan, Tampico, Mex.; Chas. F. Sucas, O. T. Barnes, D. J. Moran, San Antonio; Wm. B. Woodrow and wife, Mexico City; E. B. Rogers, San Antonio; H. C. Wear, Wichita, Kan.; Dr. W. C. Loomis, Wichita, Kan.; A. H. Stalhe, S. Scheer, B. L. Bronson, San Antonio; T. M. Lucas, Chicago, Ill.; James F. Walker and wife, Fort Oglethorpe; G. C. Snyman, Mexico City; J. H. Garmen, Monterey, Mex.; Ben. C. Hill, Houston.

HAMILTON:—P. A. Cox, San Antonio; Luis Beaudilla, Nuevo Laredo, Mex.; Benito Guerra, Monterey, Mex.; Frank Putnam, City; J. N. Petralia, Rio Grande City; W. H. Seaton, San Luis Potosi, Mex.; A. E. Graham, Forton, Mex.; H. A. Novick, New York; R. L. Polk, Fort Worth; F. S. Hines, C. Johnson, Tampico, Mex.; L. B. Bradley, Philadelphia.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2758 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Mrs. Ida B. Muller is defendant and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Mrs. Ida B. Muller on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$89.50 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Lot No. 3 in Block No. 933, and all of Block No. 941 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.

ANTONIO SALINAS,

Sheriff of Webb County, Texas.

By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

Pains, Dizzy Spells

Mrs. G. P. Cartwright, of Whitwell, Tenn., writes: "I suffered with bearing-down pains. . . The dizzy spells got so bad that when I would start to walk, I would just pretty nearly fall. Was very much run-down. I told my husband I thought Cardui would help me. . . He got me a bottle. . . It helped me so much that he got me another bottle. I got a whole lot better. The dizzy spells and the bearing-down pains . . . left me entirely."

If you are weak and run-down, or suffer from womanly pains,

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

You can feel safe in giving Cardui a thorough trial. It is composed of mild, vegetable, medicinal ingredients, recognized by standard medical books for many years, as being of great value in the troubles from which only women suffer. The enthusiastic praise of the thousands of women who have been helped by Cardui in its past 40 years of successful use should assure you of its genuine merit, and convince you that it would be worth your while to try this medicine for your troubles. All druggists sell it.

Try Cardui

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.
Mrs. Hamlin will be in charge of the Red Cross Supply Room at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Red Cross Knitting Circle will meet with Mrs. T. A. Bunn at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. T. A. Austin and Mrs. G. R. Weber will entertain in the Married Ladies Social Club and their escorts at the Hamilton Hotel at 8:15 o'clock in the evening.

Friday.
The Honor Guard Girls will meet with Miss Belle Westbrook at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Sansugi Camp Fire Girls will meet at 4:30 in the afternoon.

The Woman's Club will entertain with a program at the Army Y. M. C. A. in the evening.

Salute the Flag.

When the national colors are passing on parade or in review the spectators should, if walking, halt, and if sitting, arise and stand at attention and uncover.—Etiquette of the Flag. Workman and president, clerk and the rest.

Citizens all when the colors fly: Baring your head with your hand on your breast.

Stand and salute as the flag goes by!

Symbol of liberty, honor, and love; Crimson and silver, blue as the sky; Spangled with stars like the heavens above.

Stand and salute as the flag goes by!

Reddened with blood which your forefathers shed.

Whitened with tears from many an eye;

Edge of your motherland, cloak for your dead.

Stand and salute as the flag goes by!

—Ex.

General Mention.
Mrs. M. Little of San Antonio arrived this morning on a short visit.

Miss Lucille Murphy returned home Tuesday morning from San Antonio where she had been for the past month visiting relatives.

Mrs. W. F. Nebitt of San Antonio arrived this morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Howell.

Miss Katherine Gravis went to San Antonio Monday for a visit to relatives.

Mr. J. O. Buenz left on Tuesday for San Antonio for a short stay.

Mr. Gwin D. Smith has returned to Little Rock after visiting relatives.

Miss Evelyn Moore will reach home on Sunday from Nashville, Tenn., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Lieut. and Mrs. W. C. Nye expect to leave on Friday for San Antonio. Lieut. Nye will be stationed at Camp Travis.

Announcements.
The Red Cross Supply Room will be in charge of the following ladies each week: Monday, Mrs. W. E. Lowry; Tuesday, Mrs. H. M. Austin; Wednesday, Mrs. H. G. Earnest; Thursday, Mrs. H. Hamlin; Friday, Mrs. L. Nelson. The room opens every afternoon for work at 2:30 o'clock.

The following announcement will be of interest to a large number of Laredo people:

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cable announce the marriage of their daughter, Mildred Adaline, to Mr. Alden Benjamin Muller, on Thursday, November 29, 1917, San Antonio, Texas.

Club Notes.
The Nopales Camp Fire Girls met with Mrs. J. A. Burnett at their regular hour on Tuesday afternoon. A delicious Mexican supper was prepared and served by Misses Jessie Hale, Ruth and May Netzer. The other members passed the afternoon in knitting. They will turn in three sweaters to the Red Cross tomorrow. Those present were: Misses Jessie Hale, May Netzer, Ruth Netzer, Doris Bigden, Lois Stoner, Margaret Lutz, Florence Shanks, Mildred Spurrier, Hazel Irwin, Vera Baty and Mrs. Burnett.

Red Cross Notes.
Mrs. Earnest, who presided at the Red Cross Surgical Room yesterday, reports that a large and enthusiastic number of workers were present and that if succeeding afternoons at the Surgical Room shall find as many workers present, there will be an amount of dressings completed at the end of the week of which Laredo may indeed be proud.

CON MIMS, Manager.
11-24-17

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Money Makers

Mrs. Burnett and seven Camp Fire

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The time to fight fire, accident, sickness or death is while you are well and there is no fire, accident, sickness or death.

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For some of the best
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Girls who have been collecting and selling old newspapers have turned in \$13.85 to the Red Cross.

Mrs. Clarence Jefferies, who kindly sold some of the "left-overs" from the Rummage Sale, has turned in \$10 to swell the Red Cross fund.

The rehearsal for the Christmas Carols will be Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, instead of 7:30 as was erroneously announced.

The Parish Guild.
The Parish Guild of Christ Church met with Mrs. Joe Vidales yesterday afternoon. The time was devoted to knitting. At the close of the afternoon the hostess served delicious tamales and coffee from an attractively appointed table, overlaid with a lace centerpiece and centrally adorned with ferns. This will be the last meeting of the guild until after Christmas. Those present were: Mesdames MacGregor, Woodman, Arthur, Puster, Anderson, Langford, Arkles, Flores, Kilsby, Cook, McKinney and the hostess.

Honor Guard Girls.
The Honor Guard Girls will ship a box of sweaters tomorrow to the Mimos Rifles. They will also place for exhibit in Moser's window a soldier's trench set, consisting of sweater, helmet, muffler, wristlets and two pairs of socks. This set was knitted by Mrs. Pennell, and will be offered for sale at a cent a vote, to go to the most popular soldier from Laredo. The proceeds will be used to purchase material for knitting. The voting will start at 6 o'clock in the afternoon. Everyone is cordially invited to come forward and vote for their favorite.

Entertainment.
The members of the Auction Bridge Club and a number of guests were delightfully entertained by Mrs. M. T. Cogley yesterday afternoon. After the series of games was played the club prize, a half dozen salad forks, went to Mrs. J. P. Leyendecker. A. Martin, J. L. Martin, J. B. Morton, Muller, Penn, Ryan, A. Wormser and W. N. Young. Guests—Mesdames C. Jefferies, McComb, C. Jackson, Austin, Kennedy and Garlick. Mrs. Cogley was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. S. M. Barlow.

A Red Cross Christmas.
The War Council of the American Red Cross has convinced that a great National purpose will be served by having membership in the Red Cross almost as universal as citizenship.

Although pledged as a Nation to the National purpose during this great crisis, it will not be granted to a large percentage of us to play a part in the fighting branches of our country's service.

All of us, however, can be identified with the Red Cross, which in these times when whole Nations are organized for warfare, is big enough and strong enough to carry some of the burden for our soldiers, our sailors and our Allies.

We want a Red Cross of fifteen million members. We want the strength and support that will grow from this army of members.

We have set Christmas time to attain this goal, because we believe that the Red Cross and Christmas spring from the same spirit, and we wish to bring together these two great symbols of mercy, sacrifice and cheer.

On this, our first Christmas in the war, we want the Red Cross symbol to add not a spirit of defeat but the thought of serious purpose and sacrifice which through accomplishment it represents.

We hope that from this Christmas campaign of 1917 will grow a permanent custom which will increase the significance of both Christmas and the Red Cross.

The Christmas Membership Drive in Laredo will begin on December 17, and will continue throughout the week preceding Christmas.

Notice to the Public.
On and after December first, Mr. M. M. Holland will be with the Border Foundry and Machine Co. We will be in a position to handle outside engine and pump work; also automobile and truck work. Oxygen acetylene welding and cutting. We will do our best to please you.

CON MIMS, Manager.
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Classified Advertisements

1 cent per word for Rent, Found, For Sale, Lost or Exchange.

For Rent:—Elegant furnished rooms, 1209 Victoria street. 10-14-17

For Sale or Rent:—Rooms, apartments, bungalows, hotels, lots, blocks. J. Maxcy Pace, 1412 Matamoros St. Phone 676. 4-4-17

For Sale Cheap:—Motorcycle model 1918, 21 horsepower, three speeds, like new. Apply International Trading Co., 1115 Farragut street. 9-17-17

For Rent:—Nice, comfortable room with all modern conveniences and centrally located. Inquire at this office. 11-14-17

For Sale:—Five room brick residence on the Heights. Phone 392. 11-3-17

For Sale:—Fine onion plants. Apply to J. Armengol, Laredo, Texas. 11-29-17

For Rent:—One large two story residence in best part of the city, location 1818 Matamoros street. Apply A. Deutz & Brother. 12-3-17

For Sale:—My new 6 room one story brick house. Screen porch 10x39. All conveniences. A bargain. Inquire 1516 Juarez, or office Eagle Pass Lumber Co. H. T. Giesey. 12-3-17

For Sale:—The oldest established lunch stand in Laredo. It does the largest lunch business in Laredo. Owner living too far from the work to give it proper attention. For further information inquire at Shorty's Lunch Stand. 12-3-17

For Rent:—Nice furnished room at 1919 Matamoros St. Phone 563. 12-8-17

For Rent:—Upper floor of two story residence. Apply 1608 Victoria street. 12-10-17

For Rent:—Unfurnished light house-keeping rooms. Apply 2005 Victoria Street. 12-12-17

Lost:—Three keys on ring. Return to this office and receive reward. 12-12-17

For Sale:—Solid brass twin beds, box springs, pure hair mattresses like new. Morris leather cushions, rocker and side chair to match. Large box couch, wicker furniture and good double barrel shot gun. 901 Chihuahua Street. 12-13-17

Lost:—Gold watch, Waltham movement, with seal fob. Liberal reward will be paid for its return to Dr. H. Stow Garlick, City Drug Co. or this office. 12-13-17

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.
Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas-Mexican.
Train No. 1 leaves for Corpus Christi at 1:20 p. m.
Train No. 3 leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:30 p. m.
Train No. 2 arrives from Corpus Christi at 2:10 p. m.
Train No. 4 arrives from Corpus Christi at 7:05 p. m.

International & Great Northern.
Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 12:01 and arrives at 3:25 p. m.
Night Train.
Leaves at 9 p. m. and arrives at 8 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.
Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:20 a. m.
Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:15 p. m.

GENERAL CROZIER SAID SECRETARY BAKER RESPONSIBLE FOR MACHINE GUN SHORTAGE

Chief of Ordnance Declared that Secretary of War Took Charge of Tests between Various Types, and that Because of Delay Our Troops Abroad and Those in Training Had to Use Foreign Guns.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—There is to be an annular eclipse of the sun tomorrow, but the scientific men hereabouts are not preparing to turn their telescopes skyward to take observations of the astronomical phenomenon, for the very good reason that it will not be visible in this part of the world. The eclipse will be visible only in the southeastern portion of South America, the extreme southern portion of Australia and in the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

American astronomers will be more fortunate with regards to taking observations of the total eclipse of the moon which is scheduled for the end of this eclipse will be visible generally throughout North America.

SCHOOL FOR WOMEN VOTERS.

New York, Dec. 13.—New York's women voters start to school today to learn the A B C's of citizenship. The campaign of education to prepare the women for the new duties and responsibilities that have been bestowed upon them has been prepared by the New York City Woman Suffrage Party.

The chief feature of the educational campaign will be a series of free lectures on "The Business of Citizenship." The lectures will deal with the organization of the city, State and national government, political procedure, functions and policies of political parties, the relation of the voter to the army and navy, and from what viewpoints labor, prohibition, free speech, and similar problems may be regarded.

ARMY OF PHILIPPINES TO MEET.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 13.—Members of the Society of the Army of the Philippines will hold their eighteenth annual convention and reunion in this city next week. Honorary members are Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft, and it is expected that they will be present.

The society was founded in Denver in 1900 by members of the First Colorado Infantry, who were mustered out in 1900, and is made up of officers and enlisted men who saw military service in the Philippine Islands from 1898 to 1902 or such officers and men who were honorably discharged from the army at that time.

The present national officers of the society and more than half of the members are now in actual service and in consequence a small attendance is expected. Efforts will be made to have next year's convention in Manila, if transportation can be arranged with the United States Government.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

French women are to be trained for the ministry.

The University of the Alabama has 125 women students at the present time.

In New Guinea it is the women and not the man who "pops the question." Many ports of the South report a demand for women to work on the truck farms.

A taxicab company of New York is said to be contemplating the employment of women drivers.

The University of Alabama has engaged a woman instructor for the first time in its history.

Many women are earning 51 cents an hour doing night clerical work in the Federal bureau of mines in Washington.

Governor Whitman of New York has recommended the appointment of a woman on each county Home Defense Committee.

The coming year will mark the centennial anniversary of the birth of Mary Todd Lincoln, the wife of President Lincoln.

Wheezing in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Manager McGraw of the Giants is against the 18-player limit. His failure to pick a winning combination from a yard of pastimers last October showed John how far he would get with only 18 tossers to choose from.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Major General Crozier, chief of the army ordnance department, testifying before the senate committee investigating war preparations, declared the responsibility for the delay in getting machine guns lay personally with Secretary Baker, who took charge of the tests between different types. Because of the machine gun shortage, Gen. Crozier testified, foreign guns were furnished American troops abroad and to troops in training at home.

Orders Strike Settled.
Washington, Dec. 13.—After laying the strike situation in Minneapolis and St. Paul before President Wilson, Secretary Baker telegraphed the president of the labor commission now in the West to stop in Minnesota and take up the question of settlement.

George Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, telegraphed the strikers in St. Paul and Minneapolis to return to work in view of the order for investigation by the president's labor commission.

Where to Head In.
Washington, Dec. 13.—Fuel Administrator Garfield today informed Gov. Cox of Ohio that he would not be permitted to interfere with the distribution of coal in Ohio under the direction of the state fuel administration.

Six Deaths at Camp Travis.
San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 13.—Six deaths have occurred within the past two days at Camp Travis from pneumonia, with measles the contributory cause in some cases.

RUSSIAN CRISIS IS BECOMING SERIOUS

BOLSHEVIKI CLAIM DEFEAT OF KORNILOFF BUT OTHERS SAY THE LATTER WON.

By Associated Press.
London, Dec. 13.—General Korniloff is reported to have been defeated in a battle between Biligor and Sumu, according to a despatch to the Daily Mail. His capture is expected. It is probable, adds the despatch, that the extremists will capture Restov-on-the-Don. All signs, it is said, are that the Cossack rising will fail and that they will join the Bolsheviks.

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A CLOSED INCIDENT.

There has been much apprehension—unwarranted, it seems now—lest the negro mutineers who shot up Houston last August and killed twenty-two persons, among them United States army officers, would escape their just punishment.

Many were the petitions which were sent in from various sections to assure the punishment of the black rioters, and many persons even demanded that the men be sent back to Houston for trial, claiming to fear that a courtmartial would only result in the acquittal of the negro soldiers. But among those who are familiar with courtmartial, there never has been any doubt that full and swift justice would be meted out to the soldiers who in war time revolted, disobeyed military orders and then proceeded to murder civilians, as well as superior officers.

The trial was not shrouded in mystery. Of course, the procedure in a military trial is vastly different from that in an ordinary criminal trial in a civil court. The court constitutes both court and jury, and its findings are not given to the public until they are approved.

Many will be surprised at the swift execution of the convicted men, as no inkling has crept out of the verdict of the courtmartial. In war time all that was necessary for the execution of the verdict was the approval of the court's findings, and the sentence was immediately carried into effect.

There will be some disappointment as to the court's verdict, for it was generally believed that had the men been tried in a court of civil jurisdiction they would all have received the death penalty.

Indeed, there was some murmuring because the military authorities released some of the accused and restored them to duty without trial. But it must be remembered that the proceedings in a military tribunal are widely different from those in a civil court. There is no grand jury, no indictment, no trial by a jury of the accused's peers. There is merely the investigation and then the trial of those whom the investigators deem guilty enough to warrant a trial.

The execution of a military court's sentence is bound to be prompt. There is no appeal. There is no motion for a new trial. The very nature of the charges requires a thorough investigation, and the result of that investigation needs no revision.

Of course there is always the nominal appeal to the department commander who receives and approves the findings of the court. But that is in many cases a mere formality, for the commanding officer knows that the men have been given every opportunity to establish their innocence, and that when a body of men of the military standing of those who constituted the court are convinced of the guilt of the accused, there is little reason for him to question their decision without having the entire evidence before him.

The sentence of the court and its execution will have a salutary effect upon other soldiers who might be disposed to revolt and commit crimes. Not only upon the negro soldiers, who are comparatively few in number, but upon the white soldiers who come from every class and condition of men in civil life, and who have never before been subjected to discipline or learned the lessons of obedience.

It will also have a wholesome effect upon the baser elements throughout the country who have been disposed to pander to all that is low and vile in the negro nature; who have been willing to pander to his appetites and his passions; who were anxious to make a profit from his desires and to arouse his hatreds, whereby they might gain an advantage.

It will give notice to the negroes of the country that they must never again attempt to abuse the good nature of the whites, or to dominate the situation by sheer force of numbers.

The sentence appears to us to be a just one, and its prompt execution will do much to prevent any insinuation that the army officers are willing to shield any who wear the uniform.

TRADING WITH MEXICO.

To many people, the name of Mexico brings visions of gold and silver mines, of treasure ships sailing from Acapulco, of "lost Spanish mines," and of an indolence which prevents the proper development of these great riches.

But the truth about Mexico is that, despite the great richness of her mineral resources, her other natural resources are far more valuable. Setting aside the petroleum, which is undoubtedly the world's greatest deposit, Mexico has vast and undeveloped resources in henequen, in cabinet woods, in pastures and farms and coal mines.

One reason for the undeveloped riches of the country is the fact that the rich proprietors were careless about new developments, while the poor people did not have the capital.

High cattle, sheep and goats are pastured in Mexico to feed the army and then export to the army of the United States. Wheat and corn could be raised to supply the entire republic and a vast quantity to export. Henequen possibilities would sup-

ply the cordage demands of the United States as well as Mexico.

All that is needed in Mexico is peace and quiet, and the privilege of working without being robbed of the results of their labor. The charge of foreign exploitation is proved to be false, for the people were more prosperous under the rule of Porfirio Diaz, which was the period of the greatest foreign industrial and agricultural activity, than they have ever been since his departure for Europe.

Foreign capital will always be a necessity in Mexico. The Mexican man of wealth is satisfied with what would be considered in this country merely the foundation of a fortune. He, and not the humble peon, is the indolent one who has retarded the progress of Mexico. He hesitates to embark his capital in new ventures, and he supinely lets the foreigner outdo him in his own territory.

It is true as well that the ambition of the peon does not measure up to that of our farm laborer or workingman, and that he is contented with much less than would spell comfort for our working classes.

But it is not true that the Mexican of the working class will not work. Had it not been for the work of the humble laborer of Mexico, the world might have been worse off, for he has developed the mines of precious metals, of coal, of copper and lead, the forests of valuable woods, the farms and pastures, as no one else could have done.

It is to the efforts of the humble laborer that Mexico owes whatever of prosperity she has had—that and the investment of foreign capital. Of course, the laborer is the greatest factor in the development of any country, but particularly so in Mexico.

But this does not mean that the ignorant laborer is to have the entire riches of the country turned over to him because he has been an important factor in their production. He should have his just share, and this the foreign exploiters have always endeavored to give him.

As soon as peace shall have come to the world again, Mexico will force to the front. Our commerce is already greater than that of any other nation in Mexico, and we are sending her more exports and importing more of her products than any other nation in the world.

Our interest in Mexico is more than a merely selfish one. We have the interest which any neighbor would naturally have in another, and we have a feeling of gratitude for what we have gained in our commercial intercourse with her.

The friendly feelings which have marked our intercourse with Mexico for years cannot be wiped out in a moment, no matter what the provocation. We shall always be ready to help in her struggle toward peace and prosperity, and our attitude is not entirely altruistic, for we stand to gain as much as Mexico does in our mutual exchange of products.

The farm crops of the present year are estimated at twenty-one billions, an amount far in excess of any previous year. Yet we notice that the prices of foodstuffs are steadily climbing, although we have a food administration. Perhaps there are not enough jails to enforce the law.

With the cotton crop a million bales short and much of the cotton goods of the country being diverted to the uses of the Red Cross, we see where another conservation movement is due. How would it do for the men to return to the buttoned waists of their boyhood days, instead of the long-tailed shirt?

Ohio people threaten to "lose confidence in the government" unless some solution of the coal problem is discovered in the below-zero weather they are now "enjoying." We fail to see where Ohio has any clench on other states where winter conditions prevail.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

DECEMBER 12.

Professor Edward A. Ross of the University of Wisconsin, who in the early part of this year was chosen by the National Institute of Social Science to proceed to Russia and make a study of its evolution on the social side, following the political revolution, was born 51 years ago today. Professor Ross is not only a highly trained technical sociologist, but he is a most shrewd observer of nature and of human nature, and withal has a pungent, brilliant original style that makes him unusual among men of his class when it comes to recording his thought. He is an Illinoisan, who, after being educated at Coe College, at Johns Hopkins University, and at the University of Berlin, entered the academic world by teaching, first at Indiana University, and later at Cornell University, Leland Stanford, Jr., University, and the University of Nebraska. This covered the period of 1891 to 1906, since which time he has been at the University of Wisconsin.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

HIGH OFFICERS IN COMMAND OF THE CARRANZA FORCES

OPERATING IN NUEVO LAREDO SECTION AGAINST REBELS.

Generals Ozuna, Dieguez and Pruneda Have Forces of Men Under Scouring Country for Almazan Men.

From reports received here from Nuevo Laredo, the "hunt for rebels" in the states of Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon is now on in earnest and several detachments of Carranza soldiery in command of high officers of the army are operating in the country in all directions from Nuevo Laredo in attempting to put the rebels under General Juan Andreu Almazan, out of the fighting.

There are now several separate forces of Carranza cavalry in the field in quest of Almazan and his men, the number of rebels, who are divided into two or three groups, being estimated at a total of about 800 men. The Carranza officers in command of the three forces in the field within a distance of seventy-five miles of Nuevo Laredo are General Carlos Ozuna, who has about 400 Carranza cavalry in his command; General Manuel Dieguez, who has about 400 cavalrymen, and General Antonio Pruneda, with about 300 men. In addition to these three generals, the commander of Nuevo Laredo, General Reynaldo Garza, has about 200 cavalrymen in the garrison under his command.

Several "brushes" with the rebels have taken place in the past few days, and in each instance the scraps have proven indecisive, because in most instances only desultory fighting ensued and neither side appeared eager to enter into the fray with that determination which means decision. It is reported that the present forces of Carranza soldiery now operating in the Nuevo Laredo section will be augmented in a few days by the arrival of about four hundred reinforcements which will be brought to Nuevo Laredo from Central Mexico and distributed to the several forces now conducting the campaign of "annihilation" against the rebels under Almazan.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS, Port of Laredo, Texas, December 5, 1917. Notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on Saturday, December 22nd, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the customhouse, one lot of cigars, cigarettes, perfume, jewelry, opals and lace, seized for violation of the United States Revenue laws. Rob't L. Ginn, Deputy Collector.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation. Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They act only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

NOTICE TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS.

Be sure to buy all the accessories, gasoline and oil that you will need over Sunday, as you can not buy any more in Laredo on Sunday.

The undersigned firms will close every Sunday in the future, beginning Sunday, December 16th, 1917:

Laredo Auto Sales Co.
Rio Grande Buick Co.
Texas Auto Sales Co.
Jno. A. Applewhite Garage.
International Auto Co.
Citizens Auto Co.
Jose Nieto Garage.
Crescent Garage.
Rio Grande Tire Co.
Yeary Storage Battery Co.
Cavazos Vulcanizing Co.
Garage Batista.
Earnest & Lattig.
Laredo Overland Co.
Whittaker & Brennan.
I. Patiño y Cia.
Ames Motor Car Co.

QUICK RELIEF FROM CONSTIPATION

Get Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets

That is the joyful cry of thousands since Dr. Edwards produced Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel.

Dr. Edwards, a practicing physician for 17 years and calomel's old-time enemy, discovered the formula for Olive Tablets while treating patients for chronic constipation and torpid livers.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets do not contain calomel, but a healing, soothing vegetable laxative.

No gripping is the "keynote" of these little sugar-coated, olive-colored tablets. They cause the bowels and liver to act normally. They never force them to unnatural action.

If you have a "dark brown mouth" now and then—a bad breath—a dull, tired feeling—sick headache—torpid liver and are constipated, you'll find quick, sure and only pleasant results from one or two little Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets at bedtime.

Thousands take one or two every night just to keep right. Try them. 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

A SLAM.

Mrs. Hashleigh (to boarder)—How is it you are taking your medicine after dinner? thought the doctor told you to take it before meals?

Boarder—He said it didn't make any difference so long as I took it on an empty stomach.—Boston Transcript.

LITTLE LOCALS

—The local union of barbers will hold an elaborate entertainment at the hall of the Sociedad de Obreros this evening in celebration of their second anniversary.

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Crockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas.

—We repair typewriters. Oliver Agency. Strand Building.

—Both active and honorary members of the Laredo Fire Department are urged to attend the meeting and smoker of the organization to be held at Piremen's Hall tomorrow night beginning at 8 o'clock. Officers will be elected for the ensuing year and then "eats" and seasonal drinks will be served to all.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores and Brother.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Sallee.

—The importations through this port this morning from Mexico consisted of one carload of garlic, one carload of rubber, four carloads of coalmine, three carloads of copper, two carloads of jasia, seven carloads of hides and fifteen carloads of litle.

—The Hat Shop. We are receiving hats up to the latest word in style every few days.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Barthelew, No. 48.

—The following marriage license has been issued by the county clerk since last report: Francisco Perez and Miss Modesta Villareal.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed.

—The civil case of Manuel Saenz vs. the Hotel Hamilton Co. et al, a suit for damages, which was called in district court yesterday morning, was still on trial up to the noon hour today.

—Just arrived, carload of toys. R. Flores and Brother.

—A fellow who was suspicious about his hens being in sympathy with the Germans because they had stopped producing eggs, today was elated when he discovered that one of the twenty hens had actually deposited an egg in the nest after a "strike" lasting several weeks. That egg was a precious one, calculating the cost of the feed necessary to produce the egg.

—If you want a corset that gives perfect satisfaction, let us serve you. The Gold Medal is surely the one for you. We give individual service. The Hat Shop.

—"Everything that goes up is bound to come down," is an old saying. Many people are already hoping to see the ascendancy, especially if it is applicable to the prices of food, which have been going up steadily. Hoover suggests eating fish—and fish goes up. There is a good market for eels if they are put on at a moderate price and don't up, too.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office.

—The cool weather which began here last Saturday holds on with a tenacity that convinces one winter is here in earnest. From what can be learned regarding the severe freeze of Sunday morning, the damage done to crops in the Laredo section was slight, and only some of the tender vegetation suffered light damage. Onions, however, did not suffer from the effects of the cold.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 678 or 1017.

—A telegram received here by relatives conveyed the sad news of the death of Mrs. George Pfeuffer in San Antonio yesterday. Deceased was the widow of the late George Pfeuffer, who was one of the best known lumbermen of Texas.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

To The Public.

I am no longer doing a retail delivery business. The wagon on the streets handling my bread belongs to H. Questa, who buys from me and does his own delivering and is in no other way connected with me. Arrange with him direct if you want him to deliver to you.

H. BORCHERS.

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THE LAREDO BUSINESS MEN SHOULD PERUSE BLACKLIST

And Familiarize Themselves With the Firms in Mexico Who Come Under "Trading With the Enemy" Act.

Laredo merchants who do business with numerous firms in various portions of Mexico would do well to acquaint themselves with the list of "blacklisted" firms which this government has investigated and after exhaustive examination of them have decided that they are of the kind that come under the classification of firms inimical to this country and are included in the "trading with the enemy" act.

Besides the list of names published in The Times yesterday showing some of the blacklisted firms, especially those at Monterey, Tampico and Torreon, there are hundreds of other firms included in the list who are doing business in other portions of Mexico, also those in Central and South America. There is a severe penalty for violation of the "trading with the enemy" act, and it behooves all merchants of Laredo to put themselves in the safe column and get acquainted with the condemned firms and individuals.

An extract from the "Notes on the Enemy Trading Act" taken from the "Official Bulletin," says: "This list contains the names of some 1,600 concerns in Latin America, with the following prefatory note: 1. The Enemy Trading List is compiled for the benefit of American merchants who, by the trading-with-the-enemy act, are prohibited under penalties from trading with the enemy or ally of enemy without first obtaining a license from the War Trade Board."

The prefatory note further states that "this is a list of enemies and allies of enemies, and other persons, firms and corporations whom there is reasonable cause to believe have acted directly or indirectly, for, on account of, on behalf of, or for the benefit of enemies or allies of enemies." The list of names so far published, however, does not purport to be a complete list.

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Modern offices, suitable for professional and business men.

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Laredo proof is what you want and the statement of this highly respected resident will banish all doubt:

R. E. Sadler, railroad conductor, 1712 Matamoros St., Laredo, says: "My experience with Doan's Kidney Pills leads me to recommend them as the best of all kidney medicines. I had weak kidneys and pains in my back. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from Horner's Drug Store and they gave me complete relief."

OVER THREE YEARS LATER Mr. Sadler said: "I use Doan's Kidney Pills now and then and they always give good results. I recommend them as highly as I ever did."

Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Sadler had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Catarh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

JUST RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF COOPER'S CATTLE DIP

SEND US YOUR ORDERS

Union Mercantile Company, Distributors

"AUNT PATSY" Chicken Feed—"The Best Ever." Cow Feed "Excellent and Economical"

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STRAND THEATRE

Where Movie Shopping is a Reel Pleasure. Today's Program:

Last day; your latest chance to see Wm. S. Hart in "THE SILENT MAN." It's Hart's latest Artcraft screen success.

Also a great laugh making comedy in two parts. Prices children 5c, balcony 10c, lower floor 15c. We pay your war tax.

Tomorrow: Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in "THEIR COMPACT," and Chaplin Billy West in "THE GOAT," comedy in two parts.

RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEAL CAMPAIGN ON IN EARNEST

COMMITTEES AT BOTH MOTION PICTURE SHOWS SELL SEALS.

Throughout Next Week Committee of Ladies Will Maintain Booth at Post-office For Sale of Seals.

Mrs. R. L. Puster, chairman of the committee in charge of the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals in Laredo, is prosecuting a vigorous campaign to make this year's sale of the little seals the record-breaker in the history of this city and is leaving nothing undone to get the seals into the hands of everybody who is willing to do their part in purchasing them.

This afternoon and tonight the seals are being sold at the Strand Theater, Mrs. J. J. Jurgens is chairman and is assisted by the Boy Scouts and the Busy Bees Society. Tomorrow at the Royal Theater the sale will be in charge of Mrs. W. B. Arthur as chairman, assisted by the Boy Scouts and the Campfire Girls.

Throughout the coming week a booth will be maintained at the post-office for the sale of the little seals, and here will be a committee of ladies under Mrs. George Scratchley as chairman, the ladies being Mrs. W. N. Young, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Mrs. Harry Shelby, Mrs. J. M. Wright, Mrs. F. R. Anderson, Mrs. Hal Brennan, Mrs. Ed. S. Russell, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. A. R. Smith, Mrs. W. L. Arkles, Mrs. Kate Dear, Miss Marion Gray, Miss Annie Pace.

The time is now at hand when people are sending the season's greetings or Christmas packages to friends and relatives, and there should not be a postcard, letter or package leaving Laredo that does not bear a Red Cross Christmas Seal to denote that the sender appreciates the purpose for which the little stamps are sold and is doing his or her "bit" to help a laudable cause. Those who fail to get the seals from any of the committees named can purchase them at many of Laredo's business houses or upon application to Mrs. Puster.

A. Ritter Blacksmith and Machine Shop

Horse shoeing A Specialty

From Tuesday's Daily.

FIREBOYS TO HAVE SMOKER AFTER BUSINESS SESSION

At Meeting Thursday Night at Firemen's Hall Officers Will be Elected to Serve the Ensuing Year.

A regular adjourned meeting of the Laredo Volunteer Fire Department will be held at Firemen's Hall on Thursday evening, December 13, beginning at 8 o'clock, when, in addition to regular business coming before the meeting, officers to serve for the ensuing year will be elected.

Honorary as well as active members are invited to attend, and following the close of the business session a smoker will be held. The present officers of the fire department are the following: August C. Richter, president; George R. Page, vice-president; J. R. Fasnacht, secretary and acting treasurer; Chester C. Biggio, chief; Joe J. Jurgens, assistant chief; Solomon C. Freed, steward.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2797 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Estanislao Vasquez is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Estanislao Vasquez on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$49.50 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Block No. 84 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff of Webb County, Texas.
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2809 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and J. M. Slaughter is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said J. M. Slaughter on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$4.20 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Block No. 66 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2813 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and E. M. Putman and O. O. Putman are defendants, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said E. M. Putman and O. O. Putman on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$33.50 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Block No. 731 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
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**AN IDEAL
LIME TREATMENT**

for those suffering from chronic or acute pulmonary and bronchial troubles, or coughs or colds.

ECKMAN'S ALTERNATIVE

The Calcium preparation which may be taken by the average person without disturbing digestion. An efficient tonic and tissue builder. Contains no Alcohol. Narcotic or Habit-Forming Drug.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church will meet at the Rectory with Mrs. C. W. Cook at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Community Singing at the Library in Market Hall in the evening.

The Parish Guild of Christ Church will meet with Mrs. Joe Vidales at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Nopales Camp Fire Girls will have a Mexican supper at Mrs. Burnett's at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

Training for Service Class of the Christian Endeavor will meet at the church in the evening.

Red Cross surgical room will open at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

God speed Old Glory when she takes the road to France!
Through the thundering of the legions where the bugles play advance.
God speaks: "The fight is mine. Carry you my conquering lance."

God send Old Glory first and foremost in the fight!
Fling her far, O God of battles, in the van, for the right.
Lift our hearts up to our freedom's flag of red-and-blue-and-white.
God fling Old Glory far!

God guard Old Glory clean through battle grime and sweat!
Consecrate the men who serve her so that none may e'er forget
How the honor of the colors lies within his keeping yet.
God guard Old Glory clean!

God bring Old Glory home in honor, might and pride!
Battle-black and bullet-slashed and stripes streaming wide.
Gorgeous with the memories of men who greatly died—
God bring Old Glory home!

—Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews.
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General Mention.

Rev. J. C. Reynolds and wife of Ocean Side, California, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith on Calahan street.

Entertainment.

The officers and ladies of Fort McIntosh entertained with their regular weekly hop on Saturday evening. Among those present were: Capt. and Mrs. Myer, Capt. and Mrs. Marsh, Misses Alice Denike, Julia Leyendecker, Ruth Scratchley, Ethel Mackin, Marzelle Beene; Capt. Rinearsen, Capt. McCleary, Capt. Kerr, Lieuts. Keyhoe, Murray, Carr, Tomlinson, Zupan, Kellar, McClure and many others.

Girls Give Thanks.

Miss Carroll and each member of the Laredo Company of the Girls' National Honor Guard join me in thanking everyone who contributed in any way toward the success of the Society Vaudeville and Style Show given recently. Especially are we indebted to Richter's Department Store, the Bon Ton Millinery, the Fashion Bazaar, the Hat Shop, I. Alexander, Valdez Furniture Company, Stowers Furniture Company, A. Deutz and Bro., Mrs. H. C. Hall, Mrs. Adelaide G. MacDonald, Mr. Leopoldo Valdez, Mr. L. J. Christen, Mr. A. R. Vidauri, The Laredo Times, The Laredo Record and to those who gave us advertisements, and also to those who took part in the program and assisted in the sale of the tickets. Financially the affair was a great success, netting about \$200 for the Honor Guard Girls. (Signed) Belle Westbrook; Commanding Laredo Company, Girls' National Honor Guard.

Woman's Club.

There was a very well attended meeting of the Woman's Club at the Library yesterday afternoon to discuss Christmas work, with Mrs. Tarver of the Heights Civic Club and Mrs. Ifield of the Jewish Ladies Society, as guests. The hearty support of the club was pledged to the Christmas work at the Y. M. C. A. and \$10.00 was voted to the funds. An old-fashioned Christmas party for our boys at the Post was decided upon, to be held at Market Hall on the night of the 28th of December. In this the club will be assisted by the Heights Civic Club and the Jewish Ladies Club. Tentative plans were made for the evening and Mesdames Arles and Slaughter and Mesdames Mackin and Ifield were appointed on various committees. Other committees will be formed and announced later. A resolution was adopted changing the club's music department to a standing committee in order to facilitate the work of arranging programs, etc., the usual study course having been given up to the greater need for the

War Recreation work. The work for the relief of Belgian and French babies was placed in the hands of Mrs. E. H. Bueh, the revenue for this fund being derived from the sale of little metal buttons. Mrs. Bueh will formulate and announce her plans at once. The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. E. A. Peden, Food Administrator for the State, in regard to certain matters along food conservation lines in which both the Woman's Club and the Heights Civic Club are interested.

Honoring Miss Davis.

A most charming affair of Saturday afternoon was given in compliment to Miss Hazel Davis of San Antonio with Mrs. Frederick Gilbreath and Mrs. E. J. Dwan as hostesses, at the home of the latter in Fort McIntosh. The living-room was artistic in its arrangement of ferns and window boxes and feathery white chrysanthemums and roses in green wicker baskets were placed about the rooms. After a series of games of bridge the honoree was given an exquisite place of hand-made lingerie and Misses Gullette and Penn, who held high score at each table, were given dainty shoe trees in gold and blue. Tea was served from a beautifully laid table, the color scheme of rose pink and silver was carried out in the rose pink embroidered doilies on which were placed a silver basket of Killarney roses which formed the centerpiece, and the silver candlesticks holding pink tapers. Sprays of lacy fern encircled the centerpiece. Mrs. Irwin and Mrs. Halsell poured and Mrs. Marsh served the sweet course. Those who enjoyed the delightful hospitality were: The guest of honor, Miss Davis, Mesdames Irwin, Marsh, Muller, Halsell, Mesdames Deutz, Denike, Gullette, Penn, Pierce, McKnight, Beene and MacGregor.

Tournament Bridge Club.

The Tournament Bridge Club held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon with Mrs. J. T. Halsell. After the regular series of games were played a salad course was served to Mesdames C. M. Fish, H. Stow Garlick, L. J. Christen, G. W. Derby, C. C. Biggio, R. McComb and H. C. Hall.

Red Cross Notes.

The following letter received by the secretary of Laredo Chapter, American Red Cross, is self-explanatory:

My dear Madam:

We are in receipt of your box of knitted articles and have examined same for overseas shipment. We are more than grateful to you and wish to state that everything was very satisfactory and trust you will continue to send in supplies as often as possible. Very truly yours, Katherine Burlingame, chairman Standard Committee, A. R. C. Bureau of Supplies.

The Work Room.

The Red Cross work room in the Elks' parlors has been opened every afternoon, and while there has been a large amount of work done, it is only a small part of the work that could be accomplished if all the women of Laredo would offer even a little of their time and industry. If you don't understand how these dressings are made, you are convinced that you can learn to make these dressing in a very short time. There is a worker in charge who will be glad to explain and show you everything you want to know about it. We feel that it is hardly necessary to remind you that this work is one of the important parts of our nation's war program. Surgical dressings are needed, and are badly needed, at the front. Just stop to realize the quantities of gauze compresses and muslin bandages that have to be used on even one severely wounded soldier, and then remember that there are not one or two or three men wounded in the course of a big battle, but thousands of men, whose very lives depend upon these sterilized bandages for the proper dressing of their wounds. Suppose it were your son or your brother or your husband that needed them! We know you will come and give an hour or two of your time at the work room if you will but remember that your time and your help are needed.

SOUTHERN SOCIETY TO HEAR BAKER.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Southern Society of New York has completed elaborate preparations for its annual dinner to be given tomorrow night at the Waldorf-Astoria. Secretary of War Baker is scheduled to be one of the principal speakers at the dinner.

TO CO-OPERATE WITH GOVERNMENT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Chairman of War Service Committee, representing every branch of industry in the country, have been called by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to meet in this city tomorrow to perfect plans for co-operation with the Government in the prosecution of the war.

ALABAMA HOTEL MEN MEET.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 11.—Food conservation is slated as the chief subject to receive attention from the Alabama Hotel Men's Association at its semi-annual convention which opened here today. Hotel proprietors from all the principal cities of the State are in attendance.

PERSONALS

Walter W. Shiner—of San Antonio is in the city.

Geo. R. Alexander is in the city for a visit to his family.

Wilbur P. Allen passed through yesterday from his ranch en route to Austin.

Will P. May left last night for the Brownsville country on a short business trip.

Joe D. Jennings left last night for Brownsville after spending a few days in this city.

First Lieutenant Edward J. Huermann of the Reserve Corps is spending the day in the city shaking hands with old friends. Lieut. Huermann was formerly in the State Health Service in this city and recently obtained his commission in army at Leon Springs.

HAMILTON—Walter Shiner, Chas. E. Davis, Devine; Arcone Potrinl Griffi and wife, Torreon; C. I. Millman, Waco; Angelina Maldonado, Laredo, Mex.; H. Regis, Chicago; I. G. Quinnard and wife, Los Angeles; W. F. Barclay, T. E. Aycock, Rosebud; C. Garcia Fuentes, Monterey; R. A. Werth, San Antonio; A. E. Graham, Porlan, Mexico; Jose Gonzalez and wife, Ana Muñoz, Pedro R. Botello, Mexico; Ben Moke, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. W. Lampkin and maid, Mississippi.

BENDER—J. L. Mayfield, Corpus Christi; R. E. Felke, W. B. F. McCullough, R. D. Azcarraga, Cotton Gunther, San Antonio; O. C. Porter, Waco; A. L. Gray, St. Louis, Mo.; Roy J. Carmany, W. R. Wilbur, Galveston; C. M. Hamilton, Tampico; J. E. Hale, Kansas City; F. A. Miller, Manhattan, Ill.; J. J. Fell, New Orleans, La.; P. E. Lane, Rochester, N. Y.; F. Rothschild, Greeley, Colo.; W. Purall and wife, Saltville; Abe Finkelstein, San Antonio; C. J. Keykerbob, Mexico City; H. Wren, Dallas; Mrs. J. L. Starr Hunt, Mexico City; William E. Root, Los Angeles, Cal.; C. M. Brosseau, R. J. Hollis, Tom H. Etheridge, M. H. Stevenson, Chas. W. Wafford, San Antonio.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 11.

1777—Washington's army went into winter quarters at Valley Forge.

1802—Hector Berlioz, celebrated composer, born near Lyons, France. Died in Paris, March 8, 1869.

1839—Members of the house of representatives indulged for the first time in the practice of "pairing off."

1860—State Union convention at Trenton, N. J., resolved in favor of a compromise between the northern and southern States.

1866—Last of the French troops departed from Rome.

1869—The body of George H. Peabody, who died in London, Nov. 4, was placed on board the British steamship Monarch for conveyance to the United States.

1883—Signor Mario, the greatest Italian signer of modern times, died in Rome. Born in 1808.

1893—The French chamber of deputies passed a restrictive press law in relation to anarchists.

1898—Major Marchand, the French explorer, evacuated Fashoda.

THE WAR:

1914—General Botha announced that the South African rebellion was virtually ended.

1915—British enlistments reported to have passed the 4,000,000 mark.

1916—General Nivelle succeeded General Joffre in command of the French armies in the field.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

TENNESSEE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Delegates are arriving in Nashville to attend the Democratic State convention which is to be held here tomorrow. The principal work of the convention will be to select candidates for the State supreme court and the court of civil appeals.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take which is important when must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

WHERE IGNORANCE WAS BLISS.

"Edith, I'm ashamed of you. I saw that young Frenchman kissing you repeatedly. Why didn't you tell him to stop?"

"How could I, mamma? You know I can't speak French."—Exchange.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

THIRTEEN NEGROES HANGED THIS MORNING AT FORT SAM HOUSTON FOR HOUSTON RIOT

Mutinous Soldiers Paid the Extreme Penalty for Their Share in Riot Which Resulted in Death of Houston Residents, While Others were Given Severe Penalties by the Courtmartial.

OHIO PEOPLE MIGHT LOSE CONFIDENCE

GOVERNOR COX ASKS IMMEDIATE RELIEF FROM ZERO WEATHER BY COAL REGULATION.

By Associated Press.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 11.—With below zero weather prevailing, the coal shortage was so acute in Ohio today that Governor Cox telegraphed Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield that unless the Ohio people get immediate relief they will "lose confidence in the government."

Report Suffrage Amendment.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The constitutional amendment for nation wide woman suffrage was reported without recommendation today by the house-judiciary committee.

To Probe Shortage.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Inquiry by a senate committee into the cause for the shortage of sugar and coal, with a view to recommending legislation to improve the situation, was ordered by the senate today on motion of Senator Lodge.

To Receive Railroad Men.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The railroads' war board today asked President Wilson to receive its members for a conference which was arranged for Wednesday afternoon.

To Probe War Department.

Washington, Dec. 11.—A general inquiry into the operations of the war department in arming and equipping the American forces was decided upon today by the senate military affairs committee. Secretary Baker and other military heads will be called upon to explain various features of the war activities.

Consider Prohibition.

Washington, Dec. 11.—By unanimous consent the house today agreed to consider the Money constitutional amendment for nation wide prohibition which has already been passed by the senate. The judiciary committee today favorably reported the amendment.

Telegraphers' Strike Settled.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Difficulties which threatened a strike of 2,300 telegraphers on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and tie up one of the country's most important munition and coal carrying roads were settled today by the federal board of mediation and conciliation.

NOTED SPEAKERS AT ANTI-SALOON MEET.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—The arrival of many belated delegates resulted in a largely increased attendance at the opening of the sessions of this, the second day of the annual convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America. Among the distinguished speakers scheduled to be heard during the day were William J. Bryan of Nebraska, Senator William E. Borah of Idaho and Governor Capper of Kansas.

DONATES HOME FOR USE OF BAZAAR.

New York, Dec. 11.—For the purpose of reducing the overhead expense entailed in running a bazaar Adolph Lewinsohn has donated the use of his magnificent Fifth Avenue home for the bazaar to be given tomorrow under the auspices of the Temple Emanuel, for the relief of Jewish war sufferers and for welfare work among American soldiers and sailors.

To The Public.

I am no longer doing a retail delivery business. The wagon on the streets handling my bread belongs to H. Questa, who buys from me and does his own delivering and is in no other way connected with me. Arrange with him direct if you want him to deliver to you.

H. BORCHERS.
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By Associated Press.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 11.—Thirteen negroes were hanged at Fort Sam Houston at 7:17 o'clock this morning for complicity in the Houston riot August 23. Those hanged were: Sergeant William Nesbitt; Corporals Brown, Wheatley, Moore, Baltimore; Privates Breckenridge, Hawkins, Shodgrass, Davis, Divina, Johnson, Young and MacWhirter. Only army officers and Sheriff Tobin of Bexar county were present at the hanging.

Of the 63 tried, 41 were sentenced to life imprisonment; one was dishonorably discharged from the army, with forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confined at hard labor for two and a half years; three were sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army, with forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confined at hard labor for two years, and five were acquitted.

COTTON CROP FELL OFF PRESENT YEAR

ONE MILLION BALE SHORTAGE ESTIMATED BY AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT IN REPORT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The reduction of more than a million bales in the cotton crop from the last estimate is shown in the final estimate of production by the department of agriculture, which estimated the crop at 10,949,000 equivalent 500-pound bales. Texas production was 3,115,000 bales; Oklahoma 890,000 bales; Arkansas 895,000. Many crops this year exceeded the production of other years, while the country's farm products, with a total estimated unofficially at \$21,000,000,000, far exceeds that of any other year.

DISMISSED CASES IN DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAID INDICTMENTS WERE INSUFFICIENT TO WARRANT CONVICTION.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 11.—Judge James Hamilton this morning, on motion of District Attorney Shelton, dismissed all the state cases with the exception of those against C. W. Woodman, former labor commissioner. The charges against Woodman were passed for the present and probably will be continued to next term. The Ferguson and other indictments, the district attorney said in his motion to dismiss, were insufficient to warrant or sustain a conviction.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

DECEMBER 11.

Adolph Alexander Weinman, the noted sculptor who designed the latest United States ten-cent piece and also the new half-dollar, is 47 years old today. Mr. Weinman is a native of Germany, but he has lived in America for many years. In his early manhood he was a pupil in sculpture of Martin, Augustus St. Gaudens, Charles H. Niehaus, and other celebrated masters. Mr. Weinman has been engaged professionally as a sculptor since 1891, and has executed many well-known pieces of statuary. In 1906 he first attracted attention by winning a competition for a design for a monument to General Alexander B. Macomb to be erected in Detroit. In the several years following he made the Lincoln memorial for Hodgenville, Ky., and the Lincoln statue for the State Capitol at Madison and the facade of the new Municipal Building in New York city. Another of his works is the statue of Col. William F. Vilas of Wisconsin, now in the Vicksburg National Military Park.

BOLSHEVIKI FEAR ANOTHER UPRISING

MACHINE GUNS PLACED IN THE STREETS OF MOSCOW TO HOLD POPULACE IN CHECK.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 11.—The situation in Moscow is reported grave, according to a Times despatch from Petrograd. The Bolsheviks, according to the Petrograd newspapers, have placed machine guns in the streets, as they fear an uprising of hostile parties. The garrison, however, shows no sign of insubordination and is reported to be obeying the Bolshevik commander, a private soldier named Nuranoff. The despatch adds that considerable forces are being detached from the front to be sent against the Cossacks.

Unusual Activity.

London, Dec. 11.—Unusual artillery fighting and aerial operations on the western front yesterday were reported in today's official communication. This activity was particularly noteworthy on the Ypres and Arras fronts.

TO TELL REASONS FOR THE WAR

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 11.—Secretary of Commerce Redfield is coming to Scranton tomorrow night to be the guest of honor and principal speaker at a banquet to be given under the auspices of the local Chamber of Commerce. The real reasons for America's entrance into the world war is to be the subject of Secretary Redfield's address.

SHOW OF MISSOURI FRUIT.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 11.—Evidence of what Missouri fruit-growers have done the past year toward feeding the nation at war is afforded by the record-breaking display of orchard and garden products opened in this city today. The exhibition is held in conjunction with the sixtieth annual meeting of the Missouri State Horticultural Society. An apple show is a special feature of the exhibition.

WAR GARDENS FOR 1918.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 11.—"War Gardens for 1918" has been selected as the general topic for discussion at the annual convention of the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society which met at the Capital today. Horticultural experts and practical fruit growers from all parts of Wisconsin are attending the sessions, which will continue several days.

SALOON ISSUE IN LOWELL.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 11.—Of the Massachusetts cities in which the liquor question figures as an issue in today's municipal elections most interest centers in the result of the voting in Lowell, where the problem has attracted considerable attention because of the proximity of the city to the National Army training camp known as Camp Devens. For some time past the authorities have made complaint that the soldiers from the camp have been obtaining liquor in Lowell. As a result of the agitation the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon league and allied organizations have been exerting every effort to make Lowell "dry" at today's election. Fifteen years ago the city voted non-licensure, but at each annual election since that time the saloons have won. Each year for the last several years, however, with one exception, the majority in favor of the "wets" has decreased.

RECEPTION FOR SUFFRAGISTS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Committee meetings were concluded today and all other preliminary business disposed of by the officers of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, in readiness for the beginning of the regular sessions of the annual convention tomorrow. Tonight, at the Willard Hotel, the wives of the members of President Wilson's cabinet, are to be honored at a reception in honor of Howard Shaw and Mrs. Cannon Catt, respectively chairman and president of the suffrage organization.

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From Monday's Daily.



CONSERVATION OF POWER.

Right now, when the government and the private industries are needing all the gasoline that can be spared after the enormous demand abroad for war purposes is supplied, many people are still urging the farmers of the country to "do your work with a gas engine."

Under normal circumstances this might be to the advantage of the country, as the farmer who uses power is usually far in advance of his neighbor who depends upon a few underfed horses and the muscular energy of his hired hands.

But the supply of gasoline is nowhere in proportion to the demand. The armies abroad are using vast quantities—far more than are used in the pursuits of peace. The armies at home are also demanding a great amount for various uses, and we may soon be forced to cut down our private expenditure of gasoline in order that the armies may be adequately supplied.

Even the kerosene may have to be husbanded, for many of the engines now in use are being equipped to use the illuminating oil instead of the relatively scarcer and more costly gasoline.

So far there has been no successful engine using alcohol developed in this country. A recent scientific article speaks of the use of distillate, a product of crude petroleum between gasoline and kerosene, but this needs a warm engine to use it, while in the winters of the North it is hardly capable of being used.

For the present it would seem to be inadvisable for the farmers—or any other class of industry—to increase their consumption of gasoline. So far we have not been forced to cut down our supply of gasoline for pleasure riding, although it is hinted in official circles that this is the next conservation move that will be ordered.

When it comes to a question of saving the gasoline for industrial plants and for the army, the other consumers will have to step aside. The success of the war may depend upon our saving every gallon of gasoline that can be produced. Those who are not compelled to use it to run a necessary business or industry may have to forego the use of it until better times come again.

The oil wells in Mexico are menaced with destruction if the Carranza threat of attacking Pelaez is carried out. This would stop the exportation of much crude oil from which gasoline is now made, as well as cutting down the supply of oil for the British and French cruisers.

There have been no new supplies of sufficient quantity discovered in this country, and we are already using our present output with a prospect of needing new sources of supply before the war is ended.

The gasoline engine is a marvelous aid to the development of the agricultural resources of the country. But so far there are many thousands of farmers who have not been inclined to begin its use, and now would seem to be a poor time for them to begin.

It is hardly probable that the use of the gasoline engine at present would increase the farm output of crops, while the use of the gasoline for war purposes may aid materially in winning the war.

Really those most interested at present in inducing the farmers to use the gasoline engine in their crops are the engine manufacturers. But their present inequity did not allow them to be successful in the war, and it would appear

that the conduct of the war requires the gasoline.

It is interesting to note that the greatest activity of the gas engine men comes at a time when they cannot even guarantee prompt delivery of the engines, without taking into consideration that the purchasers of the engine could not be assured a ready and continuous supply of gasoline.

Let the farmers alone for the present. Many of them are too busy to make new experiments, and the use of an untried engine to replace the old familiar horse or mule would certainly be an experiment.

A COMMERCIAL BLACKLIST.

Notice is officially given by the administration, under the "trading with the enemy" act, that no business can be conducted with any of 1,600 firms in some twenty Central and South American countries. This is the first direct attempt to put a stop to the widespread German propaganda in the western hemisphere.

It has for some time been apparent that many German sympathizers in various American republics were betraying their neutrality by using every endeavor to aid Germany against her enemies. Among them are many Germans and pro-Germans in Mexico, as well as in Central and South American countries with which Americans have been trading.

Every cent gained in traffic by these opponents of the allies was a menace to the allied cause, for much of it was used in furthering the German propaganda, and all of it went to those who were among our worst, because our most insidious, enemies.

Many years ago a German colony was formed in Brazil, which gradually came to be a menace to the free institutions of that country. As time progressed, the Germans became predominant in some of the Brazilian states, notably that of Sao Paulo, the greatest coffee producing state in that republic.

When the war broke out the Germans of active service age were prompt in responding to the calls of their country, while these on the reserve list remained behind to secure the funds necessary for the German propaganda.

Although many of the Germans had married Brazilian women, they remained German subjects, and consequently their children were also Germans. They reached the point where they attempted to control the politics of Brazil through their own wealth and that of the families into which they had married, and this proved their undoing.

For it must be remembered that the Brazilian, like all of the Latin-Americans, is a patriot when it comes to his own country against any other. And the Brazilians resented the attempt to turn their country over to the German kaiser.

Now comes the logical sequence of the German propaganda. The Brazilian government has ordered the internment of all suspected enemy aliens, the sequestration of their goods and property, and other acts which will result in the loss to the Germans of most of their property in that country.

All their efforts to Germanize Brazil have failed. Not even the education of their children in Germany was of any avail, for the children love their motherland more than they do the country of their fathers.

The source of much of the gold that has been used to injure the allies was the money made by foreign traders. They were so confident that "Deutschland Ueber Alles" meant that the German kaiser was to rule the world, and that they would receive the reward of their treachery, that they were willing to devote a large percentage of their abnormal war profits to the furthering of the German cause.

Naturally a great many of them will attempt to do business with the United States and the other allies under "dummy" companies formed from the natives who are willing to permit the use of their names—for a consideration.

Firms in Monterey, in Vera Cruz and other Mexican cities will be cut off from any dealings with this country, and if they cannot discover a

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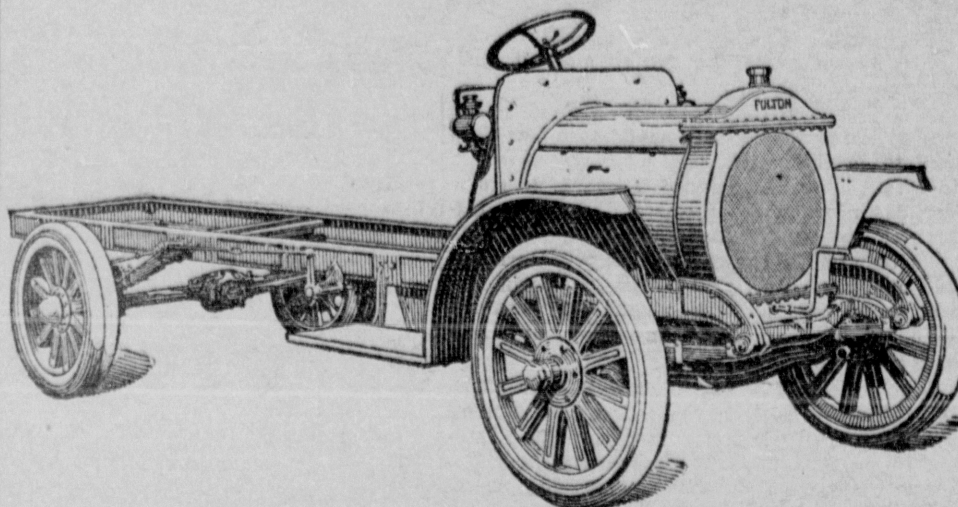
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SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in a certain cause therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and J. S. Westbrook is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said J. S. Westbrook on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$337.00 with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property and for costs of suit, viz:

One certain tract of land in Webb County, Texas, being Abstract No. 317, Survey No. 1026, Original Grantee, J. S. Fuentes; containing 93.64 acres.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff of Webb County, Texas.
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

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Block No. 1413 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

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subterfuge through which they can continue business, all is lost.

It is to the credit of our secret service operatives, as well as to the loyal American and British business concerns in the Latin-American countries, that much of the secret propaganda of these suspected firms has been discovered.

Many of the Germans in other countries have openly carried on their dirty work, secure in the belief that they would not be molested so long as they paid for services rendered. But they will now have to seek new climes and other occupations.

At last the United States navy has something to avenge in the present war. And the death of David Worth Bagley, like that of Ensign Worth Bagley, one of the first victims of the Spanish war, will be avenged if our seamen ever get within shooting distance of the German navy.

Dallas is bragging of a drop in temperature of only 47 degrees. Why that's nothing compared to our 80 degrees, and we have not felt the cold as yet. But then, look where Dallas is. Come to Laredo.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in a certain cause therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and A. S. Putman and B. B. Putman are defendants, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said A. S. Putman and B. B. Putman on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$30.40 with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property and for costs of suit, viz:

Block No. 784 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff of Webb County, Texas.
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in a certain cause therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Alonzo Barrera is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Alonzo Barrera on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$10.00 with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property and costs of suit, viz:

Lots No's. 5, 6, 7 and 8, in Block No. 1618 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

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Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in a certain cause therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Rafael Flores and Sabas Flores are defendants, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Rafael Flores and Sabas Flores on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$8.60 with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property and costs of suit, viz:

Blocks No's. 1658 and 1806, in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

I have this date levied upon the above described lands as under execution, and will sell the same at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the first day of January, A. D. 1918, in front of the Court House Door of said Webb County, Texas.

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ANTONIO SALINAS,
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Notice to Hunters.

On account of the severe drouth and consequent thin condition of my stock I must request all of my friends not to ask me for permits to hunt. To others who trespass I shall prosecute according to law.

H. H. JEFFERIES,
11-12-1m.

Lame back may come from overwork, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

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MANUEL GONZALES KILLED

ACCIDENTALLY BY J. VALLS

YOUNG MEN WERE HUNTING DEER IN ZAPATA COUNTY.

Valls Was Removing Cartridges From His Revolver When Weapon Was Discharged and Fatal Shot Fired.

A deplorable tragedy took place on Las Ovejas ranch in Zapata county yesterday afternoon about 12:30 o'clock when Manuel Gonzales, aged about 20 years, and who for several years past had been making his home in Laredo, was accidentally killed by Juan Valls, an employee of the Wells, Fargo & Co. Express of this city. Gonzales is a nephew of Ramon and Aurelio Gonzales of the firm of Gonzales Bros. of this city, and removed from Nuevo Laredo to Laredo just before Nuevo Laredo was destroyed by flames.

The details of the deplorable tragedy as told to The Times reporter are as follows: On Saturday night Juan Valls, Manuel Gonzales and two other young men left here in the automobile owned by Gonzales, which he used as a service car, and went to the Las Ovejas ranch in Zapata county, reaching there next morning early. They left the ranchhouse there early in the morning for a deer hunt. About noon Valls, Gonzales and one of the others returned to the ranch house, while the fourth member of the party remained in the chaparral in quest of a buck. While at the ranch house waiting for the other member of the party to come in from the hunt, Valls took his revolver from the scabbard and went outside to shoot at an improvised target. He left Gonzales in the house recumbent on a cot, Gonzales saying to Valls as he left the room, "Spare two of the shots for me, as I want to shoot the pistol at the target." Valls fired four shots at the target and then came into the house and was removing the empty shells and was taking out the last one when in some way the revolver was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking Gonzales in the left side under the arms, ranging through the body and lodging therein. Gonzales raised himself on the cot and exclaimed, "You have shot me!" and then fell back and expired immediately.

Quickly realizing what had happened, Valls, the member of the party who was in the house with him and an old man who was a ranch hand, wrapped Gonzales in a blanket, located the member of the party who was hunting nearby to the ranch house and, placing the body of Gonzales in the automobile, rushed to Aguilares, a few miles away, where Valls telephoned the police department here telling them of what had happened and requesting them to notify Gonzales' relatives, at the same time stating that the body was being rushed to Laredo in the automobile. Relatives of Gonzales, together with some friends, immediately secured automobiles and proceeded out on the road to meet the incoming car with the body of Gonzales. The cars reached Laredo shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the remains being taken to the Conventy undertaking establishment to be prepared for burial. A large crowd soon gathered there and the deplorable tragedy was keenly felt by the friends of both the young man who had been killed and the one who accidentally fired the fatal shot.

Juan Valls last evening surrendered himself to City Marshal Brennan and was released on \$1,000 appearance bond to appear before Justice of the Peace Slaughter this morning at 10 o'clock. He provided the necessary bond and was released.

Transferred to Zapata County. Inasmuch as the killing took place in Zapata county and Justice Slaughter had no jurisdiction in the matter, the preliminary hearing of Juan Valls will be held in Zapata, for which place Valls left today.

GO NO FARTHER

The Evidence Is At Your Door.

Laredo proof is what you want and the statement of this highly respected resident will banish all doubt: R. E. Sadler, railroad conductor, 1712 Matamoros St., Laredo, says: "My experience with Doan's Kidney Pills leads me to recommend them as the best of all kidney medicines. I had weak kidneys and pains in my back. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from Horner's Drug Store and they gave me complete relief."

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Notice to the Public.

On and after December first, Mr. M. M. Holland will be with the Border Foundry and Machine Co. We will be in a position to handle outside engine and pump work; also automobile and truck work. Oxygen acetylene welding and cutting. We will do our best to please you.

CON MIMS, Manager.

11-24-17.

TIMES WANT ADS.

***** Money Makers *****

LITTLE LOCALS

—The following marriage license has been issued by the county clerk since last report: Jesse E. Thompson and Miss Sarah G. Bolton.

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Crockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas.

—Miss Lettie Carroll announces the opening of her dancing classes next week. Those interested are requested to meet Miss Carroll in the parlors of the Hamilton Hotel, Tuesday afternoon from four to five.

—We repair typewriters. Oliver Agency. Strand Building.

—The importations through this port from Mexico today consisted of five carloads of hides, ten carloads of calamine and seven carloads of lead.

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores and Brother.

12-10-15.

—Miss Lettie Carroll announces the opening of her dancing classes next week. Those interested are requested to meet Miss Carroll in the parlors of the Hamilton Hotel, Tuesday afternoon from four to five.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Sallee.

—On last Thursday Carranza troops from Sabinas Hidalgo, Mexico, encountered a gang of bandits on the outskirts of that city and in the battle which ensued several bandits were killed and the remainder routed. This information was received in a letter received here today.

—The Hat Shop. We are receiving hats up to the latest word in style every few days.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Barlow, No. 48.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed.

8-11-17.

—Laredo people figured in two accidents on Sunday—in one case a young man was instantly killed, and in the other a little girl had a narrow escape from a tragic death by the accidental discharge of a shotgun.

—Just arrived, carload of toys. R. Flores and Brother.

12-10-15.

—If you want a corset that gives perfect satisfaction, let us serve you. The Gold Medal is surely the one for you. We give individual service. The Hat Shop.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office.

—Laredo experienced genuine winter weather yesterday morning, with the thermometer registering 26 degrees below freezing. Heaters were impressed into duty yesterday and provided much comfort, while those who ventured forth into the weather were not displaying the latest styles in Palm Beaches and kindred duds.

—The Bellmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 676 or 1017.

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JEWS CELEBRATE HANUKAH.

New York, Dec. 10.—The midwinter festival of Judaism is Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication, which begins today and will continue through the week. It is sometimes called the Feast of Lights and is one of the most joyous occasions in the Hebrew calendar.

Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the sons of Israel over the forces of Rome. A legend, still repeated by the rabbis, relates that when the Maccabees recovered their temple in Syria the perpetual lamp in the sanctuary was still burning bright, although not a drop of oil was in the bowl.

To recall this incident, Jewish homes are brightly decorated and candles burned during the festival. Presents are exchanged and there are festivities of a nature which have earned for the day the name of the Hebrew Christmas.

CHAMBERLAIN CASE TO GRAND JURY.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 10.—The Goochland county grand jury convenes today will take up for consideration the case of Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain, charged with the murder of his brother, Albert P. Chamberlain. The alleged murder occurred at the home of Albert P. Chamberlain near this city on the night of Oct. 22. Several days after the tragedy the dismembered body of the slain man was found buried beneath an out-house. Investigation by the authorities led to the arrest of Dr. Chamberlain, who is said to have gone to the home of his brother on the day of the alleged crime to settle a debt.

Merry Christmas

Season's Greetings

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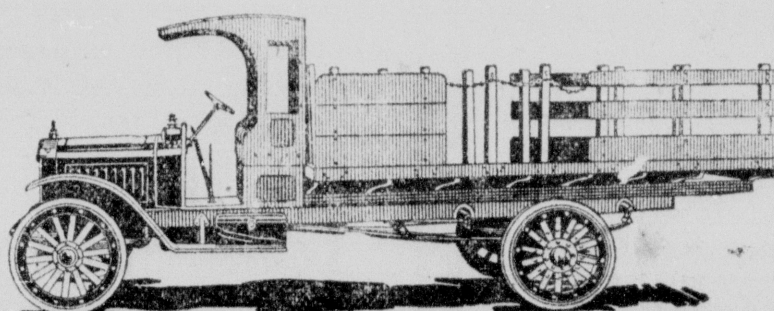
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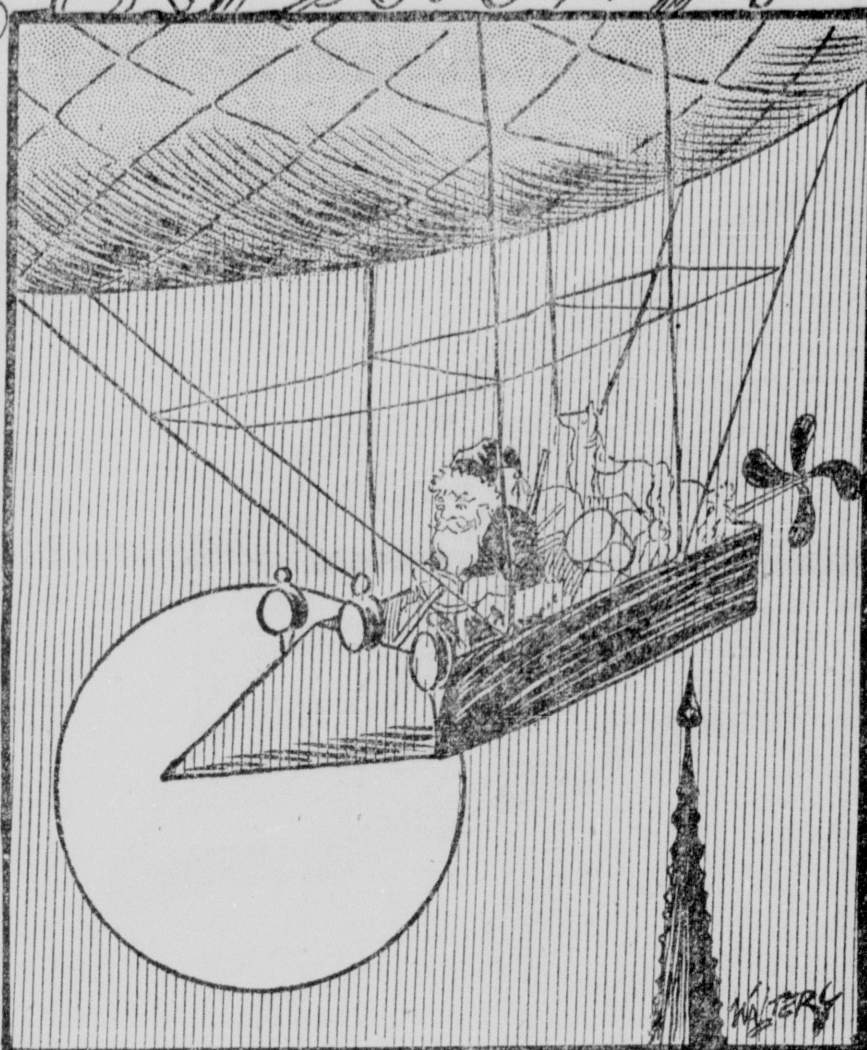
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HEAVY FREEZE YESTERDAY WITH THERMOMETER AT 26

DROPPED FROM 76 DEGREES SATURDAY TO 26 DEGREES SUNDAY

Big Onion Crop is Not Damaged By the Severe Cold, But Tender Vegetation No Doubt Damaged Some.

Laredo and this entire section of the state on Sunday morning experienced the most severe weather of the season, and as a result when the people of Laredo awakened on Sunday morning they found ice plentiful and the air of that variety that is keenly cold, for at daybreak on Sunday morning the thermometer was registering 26 degrees, which is six degrees below freezing.

The weather forecast and warning printed in The Times on Saturday afternoon admonished that a severe cold wave was due to arrive here Saturday night, and the prognostication hit the nail on the head. The maximum temperature on Saturday afternoon was 76 degrees—on Sunday morning it was 26 degrees, showing that within eighteen hours the mercury had tumbled fifty degrees. It was "some drop," as the saying goes; a drop of the kind that is felt when the chilly blast of winter has the country within its grip. But during the day Sunday the weather moderated fast and by afternoon it was a delightful outside provided one had on the proper winter duds.

Reports received indicate that no damage resulted to the young onions which have recently been transplanted from seedbeds to the open field, but some farmers who have crops of diversified vegetation maturing in fields admit that damage to a small extent has been done to some of the tender vegetation which is not fully maturing. However, it is not believed the damage will amount to much, as a dry freeze is not as disastrous as would have been the case had the severe weather followed a wet spell.

AMATEUR BURGLAR ATTEMPTS TO ENTER CONSULATE SAFE

AMERICAN CONSULATE IN NUEVO LAREDO ENTERED.

Nothing Else Was Disturbed and Unshod Burglars Left After Unsuccessful Attempt on Safe.

Last night someone broke into the American consulate in Nuevo Laredo and attempted to get into the safe. Nothing else in the consulate was disturbed, and it is not known whether the amateur burglar was merely in search of money or other valuables, or was in the employ of the Germans and was looking for valuable information.

The Nuevo Laredo authorities were immediately informed and are searching for the guilty party or parties, who were in stocking feet during their work on the safe, but as absolutely no clue was left there is little hope of discovering the culprits.

THREE MEMBERS ARRIVED TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE

Members of State Board of Health Are in Laredo Today for an Important Conference About Quarantine

Dr. W. B. Collins, state health officer, and assistant, Dr. W. A. Davis of Austin; Dr. H. C. Hall of this city, state quarantine officer, and Dr. W. D. Littler, of Fort Worth, all members of the Texas State Board of Health, are in conference today on state quarantine matters.

Several members of the board of health who were expected to reach here this morning were unavoidably delayed from coming, but may reach here this afternoon.

LITTLE GIRL SHOT IN BACK WHEN SHOTGUN DISCHARGED

Fact That Child Was Some Distance Away Accounts for Saving of Her Life, as Injuries Not Serious.

Yesterday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock a serious accident was narrowly averted at the Armengol rope factory on the Heights when Angelita Cruz, a 11-year-old girl, was the victim of an accidental discharge of a shotgun, but luckily her injuries are not considered serious.

The little girl was nearby to Pedro Tovar, a man, while he was in the of cleaning his shotgun. The weapon was suddenly discharged and part of the contents of the shell, bird shot, struck her in the upper back near the shoulder, a number of the shot perforating the flesh. The distance that the child was away from Tovar accounts for her life being spared, as the shot scattered. Medical aid was promptly summoned and Angelita is doing nicely now.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This is not only one of the best and most efficient remedies for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take which is important when must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

The Woman's Club will meet in the afternoon at half after three o'clock at the Public Library.

The Tournament Club will meet with Mrs. J. T. Halsell at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Sunbeam Band will meet at the Baptist Church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Surgical Supply Room at the Elks Club will be in charge of Mrs. W. E. Lowry at two o'clock.

Tuesday.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church will meet at the Rectory with Mrs. C. W. Cook at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Community Singing at the Library in Market Hall in the evening.

The Soldier's Prayer.

Our father who art in heaven, Look down on thy world of pain, And grant us this petition: That our death be not in vain. May greed and hatred perish, And love rule thy world instead. And comfort be given to those Who mourn for their loved dead. —Polly Pry.

General Mention.

Mr. Jesse Thompson left last night for San Antonio to meet his bride, Miss Thera Bolton of Hattiesburg, Miss. They will be married tomorrow. Mrs. J. K. Thompson leaves on the noon train to attend the wedding.

Capt. Claude Gullette of Camp Travis was among the arrivals in the city yesterday. He will be in Laredo for several days.

Miss Hazel Davis of San Antonio, who was the week-end guest of Mrs. John Tucker Halsell, returned home today.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Joseph have gone to Washington, D. C., and will be gone about ten days.

Lieut. Gerald Sielski has returned to San Antonio, after a week's visit to his mother.

Mrs. J. E. O'Rourke and little daughter, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. L. C. Everett, left the latter part of the week for San Antonio, from where they will return to their home in Temple.

Rev. W. L. Barr went to San Antonio on the noon train to officiate at the Thompson-Bolton wedding tomorrow.

Announcement.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club will hold its regular meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. P. Nye. A large attendance is desired as matters of importance are to be brought up.

Red Cross Notes.

The Red Cross Knitting Circle met with Mrs. W. W. MacGregor on Saturday afternoon and a most enthusiastic meeting was held. The members of this circle have been very actively engaged in knitting for the soldiers for some time, but owing to sickness among the soldiers, due to insufficient warm clothing, they will redouble their efforts in the future. Anyone interested in this work is cordially invited to join the circle.

The members of the Buys bees were pleasantly entertained on Saturday afternoon by Miss Rosa's Biggie. An hour was devoted to quilting under the direction of Mrs. Pinder, after which a business session was held to discuss plans for Christmas week, which include a club Christmas tree. A peanut hunt was enjoyed, followed by a refreshment course. Those present were: Anna May Mussett, Evelyn Ryan, Dorothy Morton Erillie Halsell, Josephine Brewster, Maorva G'Sell, Marjorie Fish, Lois and Dorothy Derby, Hattie May Bryan, Mrs. Pinder and the hostess.

Entertainment.

A beautiful wedding took place Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in San Agustin pro-cathedral when Mr. Jesus Maria Tercero and Miss Maria Saenz were married. The bridal party entered the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march in the following order: The matrons of honor, Mesdames P. de la Garza, D. Garza Cantu and A. Fuentes; then came the ushers, Dr. de la Garza and Messrs. Carlos Garza Cantu and Edmundo Fuentes; then the maid of honor, Miss Amenta Gonzalez, who preceded the little pages, Ester and Raul Fuentes, and the little flower girls, Berta de la Garza and Ana Maria Garcia. Then entered the bride on the arm of her father, Mr. Serafin Saenz, who gave her in marriage at the foot of the altar, where she was met by the groom and his best man, Mr. A. Ligarde. The church was attractively decorated in palms, ferns and streamers of white tulle. The bride was lovely in a beautiful gown of ivory satin, trimmed with georgette crepe and old lace. Her train fell from the shoulders in cape effect and the veil was held in place with a delicate wreath of orange blossoms. The maid of honor was attractive in a dainty white crepe de chine afternoon dress, with which was worn a black velvet hat. The matrons of honor wore handsome green silk afternoon dresses and black picture hats. Immediately after the ceremony an informal reception and luncheon was held at the home of the bride for the wedding party and members of the immediate families and a few honored friends. The home was artistically decorated in potted ferns and quantities of cut flowers. The bride's traveling suit was of green velvet, with which was worn a chic gray velvet hat trimmed in dark green and gray shoes. Mr. and Mrs. Tercero went to Nuevo Laredo en route to different points in Mexico. They received many handsome gifts in cut glass and silver.

PERSONALS

Mr. J. W. Murray has returned to the city.

Everett Love has returned from San Antonio.

Mrs. P. P. Leyendecker, Jr., has gone to San Antonio, where she is visiting her husband, who is at Camp Travis.

Sheriff Burney Parker of Washington county, accompanied by his son, Charley Parker, arrived here yesterday on a visit to Peter D. Parker, cousin of Sheriff Parker, and will leave tomorrow on their return.

Mrs. Clara E. Martin Garcia returned Saturday night from Sabinas Hidalgo, Mexico, and is making arrangements to have the body of her daughter, Mrs. Patrick J. Byrnes, brought to Laredo as soon as possible.

BENDER:—J. Blockman, U. S. A.; R. V. Evans, Dallas; T. J. Conway,

Toronto, Canada; C. H. Hopkins, Mexico City; J. H. Watkins, Dallas; T. C. Watkins, Dallas; T. C. Bradford, Austin; W. F. Wells, San Antonio; Otis Williams Longview; Ray Still; Kilgore; Frank T. Sibert, U. S. A.; T. A. M. Vinson, New York; L. F. Trinker, San Antonio; Ernest Carroll, R. J. Daniel, R. S. Allen, M. G. Jones, R. H. Collins, Roy Hornton, Geo. H. Pruter, Fred. Carroll, Houston.

HAMILTON:—J. P. Stayer, Monterey; D. L. Keiser, St. Louis, Mo.; W. H. Cox, Mexico; R. S. Gonzalez, A. Puentes, Thos. Williams, San Antonio; Malvini Parry, Margot Ladd, Egon Fugora, Alfonso Guzzi, New York; G. D. McGinnis, Mrs. B. Branch, San Antonio; Dr. V. M. Bass and family, Dayton, N. M.; C. Garcia Fuentes, Monterey; A. H. Dannelly, Allstine; Dick Scott, Bob Giles, Col. By Bee, J. G. B. Bird, Sinton Moorehead, Lewis Millman, Ed. Doherty, Waco; R. E. Schnerbeck, San Antonio; Virginia Fabrega and troupe, Mexico City; Everett Love, San Antonio; W. B. Collins, W. A. Davis, Austin; W. D. Littles, Fort Worth; P. Linagra and wife, R. Viglione, Mexico; L. E. Jeter, Memphis, Tenn.

PLAN TO UTILIZE BARGE CANAL.

New York, Dec. 10.—The fullest utilization of the new State Barge Canal, which will be opened next year from Buffalo to this city, is to be the subject of a conference called by Governor Whitman to meet today at the New York Chamber of Commerce. Mayors of various cities, representatives of commercial organizations and prominent shippers have been invited to attend.

SUPREME COURT RECONVENES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—The Supreme Court of the United States reconvened today, following the two weeks' recess over the Thanksgiving holidays. One of the most important cases docketed to receive the early attention of the supreme tribunal is a test case brought to determine the constitutionality of the Selective Draft Law. Altogether there are seven suits pending before the court involving this issue. Among them are those of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fines for urging men of conscription age not to register.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

DECEMBER 10.

Francis Eugene Nipher, celebrated physicist, who recently announced new discoveries in connection with the theory or law of gravitation, based on experiments which he says show that electricity alters the gravitational attraction of bodies, is 70 years old today, having been born at Port Byron, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1847. Professor Nipher is a University of Iowa graduate, whose career of 40 years as professor of physics in Washington University, St. Louis, indicates his status among men of his own calling, and in the academic world. He has contributed much, in book and periodical literature, to the discussion of technical problems involved in cosmic physics, solar radiation, and the influence of electricity on gravitation so that his latest announcement created no surprise in scientific and learned circles. He is a member of scientific bodies of France, Great Britain and the United States, and has been honored with the presidency of important organizations in St. Louis.

United States Must Hustle. Washington, Dec. 10.—Germany has massed on the western front her greatest army of the war, Secretary Baker declares in his weekly war review today. To meet the menace the United States must speed up its military preparation, the secretary adds, with a warning that the enemy is preparing to put into execution in France the plans he has been maturing since the defeat of the Russian armies early in the war. Peace negotiations with Russia have permitted the massing of men on the western front for that purpose.

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ANOTHER MUNITIONS STEAMER WITH SHELLS AFIRE IN HALIFAX HARBOR LALFHEM CO.

Prompt Work of Halifax Soldiers Extinguished Fire and Towed to Sea and Sunk—Sixteen Germans Arrested in Connection with the Fire but Authorities Refuse to Disclose Anything.

ARMISTICE SIGNED BY RUMANIANS ALSO

TO LAST THREE MONTHS AND TO INCLUDE ALL TROOPS ON THE RUMANIAN BORDER.

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 10.—Military officials of the Central powers have signed an armistice with Russian and Rumanian armies on the Rumanian front between the Dniester river and the mouth of the Danube, the war office announces.

Three Months Armistice. Jassy, Rumania, Dec. 8. (Delayed)—It is understood that an armistice for three months between German and Rumanian forces, taking in also the Russians on the Rumanian front, has been agreed upon. All conditions proposed by the Rumanians were accepted by the Germans except the one prohibiting the transference of troops to other points on the front.

Jerusalem Has Surrendered. London, Dec. 10.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the house of commons today that Jerusalem, after being surrounded on all sides by British troops, has surrendered.

Stormed Italian Bridgehead. Berlin, Dec. 10.—Hungarian infantry in the Plave Delta yesterday stormed an Italian bridgehead on the Saffe river east of Caposile and took prisoners more than 200 Italians, the German war office officially announced today.

Russian Counter Revolt. London, Dec. 10.—The counter revolt in southeastern Russia under the leadership of Generals Kalendines, Dutoff and Koerniloff apparently is aimed at seizing authority in that region and cutting off food supplies from Siberia. According to the proclamation of the Bolshevik General Kalendines' forces are menacing Ekaterinoslav, Kharmov and Moscow. In the province of Orenburg the Bolsheviks have been overthrown by General Dutoff.

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Artillery Fighting Violent. Paris, Dec. 10.—Artillery fighting was very violent for a time in Alsace and on the bank of the Meuse, says today's statement. An enemy raid south of Verbeny was repulsed.

MAY CREATE NEW COUNTY.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 10.—Pursuant to a proclamation issued by Governor Manning, a special election will be held tomorrow to decide on the proposed erection of a new county in South Carolina, to be created from parts of the counties of Florence and Killburg. If the proposal carries the new county will be named John Rutledge, in honor of one of the early governors of South Carolina and a noted patriot of the Revolution.

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FRANCHISE LAW IS DECLARED INVALID

TEXAS LAW TAXING FOREIGN CORPORATIONS IS NOW DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 10.—The Texas franchise or excise tax law of 1917 levying taxes upon corporations of other states for the privilege of doing business in Texas was declared unconstitutional today by the supreme court and its enforcement was enjoined.

New Being Argued. Austin, Tex., Dec. 10.—Judge Hamilton overruled a motion to quash the indictment in the McKay case. Demurrers were then presented in the McKay case, the defendant insisting that the indictment was fatally ineffective and insufficient. This is now being argued.

Awaiting Court's Decision. Austin, Texas, Dec. 10.—The trial of three cases in the criminal district court against former Governor Ferguson and other former state officials depends upon Judge Hamilton's ruling upon the motion presented in the cases against John McKay to quash the indictment. The motion was argued this morning. If the court holds the indictments valid, the first McKay case probably will go to trial tomorrow morning.

FOR RELIEF OF WAR HORSES. New York, Dec. 10.—In a campaign to last ten days, starting today, the American Red Star Animal Relief hopes to raise a quarter of a million dollar fund for the relief of horses in the war.

WOULD SAVE HUSBAND FROM ARMY.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 10.—Habeas corpus proceedings instituted by a woman of Lynn, Mass., to secure the release of her husband from service in the National Army came up for hearing today in the Federal court in this city.

SOUTHERN TEXTILE EXHIBITION

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 10.—An exhibition and convention of the Southern Textile Association for which preparations have been making for almost a year, will attract a large number of visitors to Greenville this week. In the number and variety of exhibits the textile show is the largest exhibition of its kind ever given in the South.

POINTER CLUB TRIALS

Thomasville, N. C., Dec. 10.—A sportsman like atmosphere pervades this place today as it is the opening day of the annual field trials of the Pointer Club of America. Sportsmen from many parts of the country are here with their handsome pointers and setters and many of the dogs entered have a national reputation.

SUFFRAGE LEADERS IN CAPITAL.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Delegates to the annual convention of the American National Woman Suffrage Association continued to arrive in the capital in large number today. Meetings of the executive council and of the standing committees of the association were held during the day. The regular business sessions of the convention will not begin until Wednesday.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation. Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them and on now for the past year. They not only regulate the bowels but stimulate the system, keep one's body in shape," writes Mrs. B. Auburn, N. Y.



Thousands of these new style baking shops have been installed by the French near their various battle fronts. The French system of feeding the troops is unsurpassed.

Had the friendly commercial relations which had existed for many years, and as a result, for a while our only exports were munitions, our only imports refugees.

Then as the revolts across the way increased all business was interrupted, and the embargo on exports of munitions broke up a profitable industry and, instead of putting an end to the revolution, as was first expected, it tended to aggravate the situation and to prolong its effects.

Then came the European war, which disturbed the commercial relations of the entire world and prevented, not only the settlement of the Mexican problem, but the re-establishment of friendly commercial relations between this country and our southern neighbor.

The Mexican people are tired of conflict. They want to settle down and raise the splendid crops which the richest soil in the world have produced for centuries past. They want to exchange their raw materials and their natural products for the manufactured products of the North.

Were they given a period of peace and quiet, they could raise far more than enough food to support themselves, and they could produce enough little, gayule, precious metals and other commodities to pay the entire debt of the Mexican nation, great as it is with the enormous waste of seven years of internecine strife.

Meanwhile, the American merchants want to supply Mexico with the clothing, machinery, furniture, automobiles, fabrics and other products of our factories, in return for what we need from that country.

With the border towns united in a co-operative effort to increase the trade and advance the transportation facilities, we should soon be more prosperous than any other section of this great country. We have the gateways into and out of Mexico; we have the foundation for a great transportation system, which only needs proper development; we have advantages of climate and acquaintance with the needs and the customs of the neighbor nation. All we lack is co-operation, and once this is assured, we shall move forward to the goal of our ambition—the border trade for the border merchants.

There is no reason why San Antonio and St. Louis and Houston should reach in and grab a share of the business which is legitimately ours. Yet by the petty squabbles which have frequently characterized the attitude of one town to another along the border, we have frequently lost the opportunities which came to our doors, and sometimes the dog-in-the-manger attitude has deliberately thrown away opportunities merely that another town should not reap the benefit.

From Brownsville to El Paso there should be co-operation. The railroads should not be allowed to stir up animosity between the people whose interests are the same merely that the traffic might be diverted to the road offering the greatest advantages.

Get together, gentlemen of the border country. It will be to our mutual advantage, and it will help one as much as another.

Now that the traitorous Rumanians have joined the Bolsheviks in signing a truce, it remains for this country to refuse any aid to either of them. They will be in the fix of the man who tried to sit on two stools.

The counter revolution in Russia is making headway, and it may be that we shall soon have to record the rise of a new government. Well, the Russians could not be worse off, even though Nicholas returned to power.

The expulsion of the Turk from the holy places means much to the Gentile world, as well. The sacred places of Bethany and Bethlehem, of Nazareth and of Golgotha, of Galilee and of countless other places which are yet no more than names to the Christian people of the world because of the domination of the Mohammedan, will be opened to the faithful of many nations, who will wish to visit the places the Saviour trod.

The end of the present conflict will mean a cleansing, physical as well as moral of all that is treasured in Christian as well as Jewish history. The temple may not again rear its lofty pinnacles to the skies, but at any rate the Crescent will not defile the sacred buildings of the East.

ORGANIZING THE BORDER.

A really clever suggestion comes from Eagle Pass to the effect that the chambers of commerce of all the border towns should unite and form a chamber of commerce of the section, to the end that the problems of all shall be tackled by all, instead of the haphazard methods that have heretofore prevailed, in which each town tries to get the best it can for itself alone, without regard to the desires or the needs of the others.

The time is coming—it will not be long delayed after the European war is ended—when the border section will be one of the busiest and most prosperous of the entire country. Not only on this side of the border, but across the line as well, the effects of combined effort will be felt and appreciated.

The border merchants in past times had a prosperity which resulted from co-operation between the American and the Mexican chambers of commerce. The riches of both have been exchanged with the result to both.

In Mexico first dis-

THREE MEMBERS OF FAMILY HELPED

TANLAC PROVES REVELATION TO BOOTH FAMILY—WIFE GAINS EIGHTEEN POUNDS.

"When my wife first started on Tanlac she weighed only ninety-five pounds and when she finished her third bottle she tipped the beam at one hundred and thirteen," said F. L. Booth of 201 Furnish Avenue, San Antonio and, while remarkable, it is only one of many hundreds of wonderful endorsements that have been published in connection with the "Master Medicine."

"For six years," he continued, "my wife was in a general run-down condition and had no appetite. She couldn't eat meats and many other things and the gas on her stomach made her heart flutter and it seemed like at times she would almost smother to death. She was constipated all the time, had awful headaches and backache. She lost weight and got so weak and nervous she could hardly sleep."

"I bought Tanlac for her because I read and heard so much about it and I'll tell anybody it's good medicine, and I don't believe there's anything can come up to it. When my wife finished her third bottle she could eat anything without it hurting her and sleep every night like a log. Her headaches, nervousness and backache were all gone and she had actually gained eighteen pounds. I have two little girls, eleven and fourteen years old, who took Tanlac, too and they just went to eat up everything. I can't begin to tell how much Tanlac has been worth to my family and I believe there are lots of other people here who could get relief if they would only give Tanlac a fair trial."

Tanlac is sold in Laredo by Windrow Drug Co. (Adv.)

BANDITS MADE FORCED LOAN THEN RANSACKED THE TOWN

AMONG STOLEN GOODS WERE 100 OF THE BEST HORSES.

General Pruneda Later Defeated Bandits and Captured American-Made Saddles and Equipment.

According to a report made by General Antonio R. Pruneda of the Carranza army, and sent to Laredo by a personal messenger from Zapata, bandits under command of General Juan Andres Almazan early last week captured the city of Sabinas Hidalgo, state of Coahuila and exacted a forced loan of five thousand pesos from the residents of that city, after which the bandits took a total of 100 of the best horses they could find and then evacuated Sabinas Hidalgo before the Carranza forces dispatched to that place arrived.

General Pruneda, with a force of about 300 men, overtook Almazan and his force of 300 men near Sombretillo and in a battle which ensued defeated the bandits, and also capturing thirty American-made saddles, bridles, bits, halters and also a similar number of rifles and some ammunition.

Almazan and a force of bandits who escaped during the battle made their way to Agualeguas, where General Ozuna, with a force of 400 cavalry, engaged them in battle, killing about seventy bandits, wounding a number of others and dispersing the band.

THE BLACKLISTED FIRMS IN MEXICO ARE ANNOUNCED

It Behooves American Firms to "Get the Number" of Certain Firms With Which Business is Done.

The "Bulletin" issued by the government giving a list of firms in Mexico, Central and South America with whom Americans are forbidden to transact business, has been received here. Laredo firms are interested in this matter, and violation of the "Trading With Enemy" act is punishable by a fine of not over \$10,000 and confinement in the penitentiary for ten years, or both. The following firms in Mexico are included in the "blacklisted" concerns:

Monterrey, Mexico, firms: Belden Brothers, R. A. Bremer Co., Cia. Manufacturera de Cerillos, C. Cram & Co., Apolo Fabricas, Z. Guzman, C. Holck & Co., Langstroth and Gustav Levy.

Tampico firms are: Agencia Comercial de Maritima, Blume and Wienau, Cia. Perretera de Tampico, Richard Eversbusch, Ferreteria "La Paloma" S. en C., Heyman Everbusch and Co., Carl Heyman, Alberto Isaac, "La Paloma," Mueller, Victor y Hnos., Talleres and Fundicion "Tamaulipas" S. A.

Torreon firms are: Buchanan and Co., Buchanan and Cia., Julian Lark and Co., Peters, Guillermo and Co.

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STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS APPROVED LAREDO SYSTEM

LOCAL QUARANTINE PLANT AS A MODEL FOR NEW ONES.

Data Produced at Conference Shows Laredo is Second Largest Port of Immigration in Country.

An important conference of the Texas State Board of Health was held in Laredo yesterday, presided over by Dr. W. B. Collins, state health officer, and attended by Dr. Collins and Dr. W. A. Davis of Austin; Dr. H. C. Hall, of this city, state quarantine officer, and Dr. W. D. Littler of Fort Worth, other members of the board having been prevented from attending the conference by other important business.

The principal business before the board was the approval of plans for the establishment of quarantine stations at El Paso, Tellingua, Marfa, Eagle Pass and Brownsville, and the board unanimously approved and adopted as a model the quarantine station at Laredo under the management of Dr. H. C. Hall, together with its process of vacuum and hydrocyanic acid gas and similar plants will be established immediately along the Texas border.

At the conference it developed from data along the Texas border.

At the conference it developed from data presented that Laredo was the second largest port of immigration in the United States at this time and that more immigrants pass through here and more freight is handled after disinfection at the quarantine station in Laredo than at all other Texas border points combined, this condition being due to the heavy Mexican immigration during the past few years.

The conference adjourned its labors after adopting the Laredo quarantine station plan as a model for new plants to be established and the attending members, with the exception of State Health Officer Collins left for home last night. Dr. Collins left today in company with Dr. Hall and others for a deer hunt in the nearby country.

NOTICE.

To the public in general and express shippers in particular:

In view of the fact that all express companies are up against very unusual conditions, due to abnormal business, congestion of traffic and the fact that numerous old and experienced employees have entered Government and other service, I earnestly request that packages to be handled by express be shipped as early as possible.

The loss or delay of a Christmas shipment cannot be paid for in dollars and cents and a Christmas disappointment is the worst disappointment there is.

Ship Early.

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Agent.

FEAST WILL BE OBSERVED WITH THE USUAL SERVICES

Catholic Ladies Will Also Serve Mexican Dishes at Guadalupe Chapel; Take Orders for Hot Tamales.

Tomorrow being the day on the Catholic calendar known as the "Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe," the day will be observed with appropriate services in the Roman Catholic churches of the city and on tomorrow night the Catholic ladies will serve Mexican dishes at Guadalupe Chapel in the northeastern portion of the city.

All those wishing to get genuine, good hot tamales, can purchase them during the day tomorrow by placing their orders with Miss Ramon, phone No. 502, who will take care of all orders placed with her.

GLAD TO TESTIFY

Says Watoga Lady, "As To What Cardui Has Done For Me, So As To Help Others."

Watoga, W. Va.—Mrs. S. W. Gladwell, of this town, says: "When about 15 years of age, I suffered greatly... Sometimes would go a month or two, and I had terrible headache, backache, and bearing-down pains, and would just drag and had no appetite. Then... it would last... two weeks, and was so weakening, and my health was awful.

My mother bought me a bottle of Cardui, and I began to improve after taking the first bottle, so kept it up till I took three... I gained, and was well and strong, and I owe it all to Cardui.

I am married now and have 3 children... Have never had to have a doctor for female trouble, and just resort to Cardui if I need a tonic. I am glad to testify to what it has done for me, so as to help others."

If you are nervous or weak, have headaches, backaches, or any of the other ailments so common to women, why not give Cardui a trial? Recommended by many physicians. In use over 40 years. Begin taking Cardui today. It may be the very medicine you need.

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LITTLE LOCALS

—As a result of the campaign recently inaugurated in Northeastern Mexico having for its purpose the annihilation of the bandit gangs operating in the country between Monterrey, Matamoros and Nuevo Laredo, there are several officers of high rank of the Carranza army in Nuevo Laredo, including about four brigadier generals and one general of the army.

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Crockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas.

6-11-tf.

—We repair typewriters. Oliver Agency. Strand Building.

12-4-12t.

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—From reports received here from Nuevo Laredo, the several detachments of Carranza troops now scouring the nearby country for bandits is making life miserable for "Generals" Almazan and his band. But Almazan is a wise one, it is said, and if he is too closely pressed and the Rio Grande can be reached it is dollars to doughnuts that he will "come across."

—Before you buy your toys see R. Flores and Brother.

12-10-15.

—Yarns and knitting needles. Miss M. Salles.

11-23-1m.

—The Hat Shop. We are receiving hats up to the latest word in style every few days.

11-14-1m.

—Slackers are still being hauled in by the federal officers at a lively rate, some of them being apprehended almost daily. Yesterday a young Russian was arrested for failure to register and today a Mexican-American was given an examination on a charge of leaving the country to evade military service.

—For pure and healthful soda waters, all flavors, phone Frank Barthelom, No. 48.

9-15-tf.

—City Garage, tel. 515. Jitney cars. Vulcanizing. Work guaranteed.

8-11-tf.

—Just arrived, carload of toys. R. Flores and Brother.

12-10-15.

—A Mexican dramatic company held the boards at the Royal Theater last night and that spacious playhouse was crowded to overflowing, so much so that many were unable to get admission to the place and were necessarily turned away after the house was filled.

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—If you want a corset that gives perfect satisfaction, let us serve you. The Gold Medal is surely the one for you. We give individual service. The Hat Shop.

11-14-1m.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county.

7-19-tf.

—District Clerk Ochoa announces that jury scrip is now ready to be distributed to those who served on juries at the October term of the district court which adjourned on November 30th.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office.

6-5-tf.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017.

6-20-tf.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office.

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—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

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Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight cloudy; freezing. Wednesday fair; not so cold.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 76 degs.

Min. temp. 46 degs.

General direction of wind: North. Cloudy.

Masonic Notice.

Called meeting of Laredo Lodge No. 547 A. F. & A. M. tonight at 8 p. m. Work in E. A. Degree. All visiting brethren invited to attend.

J. L. DANIELLEY, W. M.

Notice to Hunters.

On account of the severe drouth and consequent thin condition of my stock I must request all of my friends not to ask me for permits to hunt. To others who trespass I shall prosecute according to law.

H. H. JEFFERIES.

11-12-1m.

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PART OF CRIMINAL DOCKET SET IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Docket Will Be Called Beginning on the Morning of December 18 and Continue For Three Days.

District Attorney John A. Valls has set a part of the criminal docket for trial beginning on the morning of Tuesday, December 18, the cases set so far being as follows on the dates mentioned:

December 18—Antonio Flores, bur-

LUIS DE LA ROSA EXECUTED? NEWS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

However, Mexican General Sent to Nuevo Laredo Section on Bandit Hunt, Gives Out the Information.

According to an unconfirmed report given out in Nuevo Laredo by one of the military generals sent to that section to engage in the hunt for bandits, the notorious Luis de la Rosa, the bandit chieftain who terrorized the Texas border about a year or so ago, has been executed in Monterrey.

Luis de la Rosa was much sought after by American officials while he was raising havoc along the Texas border committing depredations on ranches and causing consternation, and the news of his execution, while not wholly accredited, would be joyous news if it is confirmed.

Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the collection of City taxes for the year 1917. Hours:—9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

D. C. de LACHICA,
City Tax Collector.

12-4-1m.

glary; Jose Ybarra, theft under \$50; Lauriano Garcia, theft under \$50; Porfirio Gomez, unlawfully carrying arms.

December 19—Isauro Garcia et al, theft of cattle; Jose Lopez et al, theft over \$50; Ildefonso Gamboa, theft over \$50.

December 20—Juan de Leon, embezzlement under \$50; Jose Juarez, selling liquors without a license.

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MUSTEROLE
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From Wednesday's Daily.

IS WORKING SOME HARSH ON BUSINESS MEN LAREDO

However, Passport Measure Will Get in Working Order Shortly and Mexico Trade Will be Re-established.

Complaining that their business had been "all shot to pieces" by the workings of the recently established passport law, Laredo merchants have been looking forward to a modification of the measure to that extent where it would provide relief for the conditions prevailing and cause a resumption of the extensive trade enjoyed by Laredo business men with Mexico patrons.

Yesterday an impromptu meeting was arranged at the Chamber of Commerce room between members of that organization and United States Consul Sholes and officers of the immigration service to discuss features of the passport law and determine what relief was in prospect. Mexican merchants and other patrons from the republic to the south are hindered in their visits to Laredo by the long time that it takes before the necessary passports can be obtained, and this has tended to reduce the number of such purchasers to the minimum and entail a loss to the business men of Laredo.

Consul Sholes explained the requirements to those present and said that within a very short time conditions would be restored to normal and that with the completion of the visaing of the passports within the next ten days or so a large business intercourse will be re-established and the old-time activity would once more prevail.

WORMSER IS LIVE BOOSTER FOR THE INVINCIBLE A. & M.

Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas Team Has Defeated Every Opposing Team During Season.

The Times is in receipt of a postcard from Marcus R. Wormser of this city, who is attending A. & M., and who is a live booster for the football team of that great institution of learning. On the postcard appears the following notation:

"To show what a wonderful record A. & M. has made this year, no opponent has crossed our goal. The corps attended every game but one. We hold all record for pep and standing behind our team."

The note on the back of the card shows that during the present season A. & M. of Texas has met and defeated the following teams and hold them scoreless: Austin College, Dallas University, Southwestern Louisiana State, Tulane, Baylor, University of Texas and Rice Institute, the total score of all games of the A. & M. being 270 to their opponents 0.

DR. GLADDEN SERIOUSLY ILL.

Columbus, O., Dec. 11.—Friends of the Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden are much concerned over the health of the celebrated clergyman and author, who has been seriously ill at his home in this city for several weeks. He is now in his eighty-second year and has been in feeble health for more than a year, although he was able to take an active part in the Congregational general conference held in this city the past summer.

Dr. Gladden has long enjoyed a national reputation as an ethical teacher and as a speaker and writer. In his home city he is commonly known as "the first citizen of Columbus." In 1913 he resigned as pastor of the First Congregational Church of this city after a pastorate of thirty-one years.

He is a native of Pottsgrove, Pa., and received his education at Williams College. In 1860, the year following his graduation from college, he was ordained in the Congregational ministry. Before coming to Columbus in 1882 he had filled pastorates in Brooklyn, N. Y., Springfield, Mass., and several other eastern cities and had established for himself a wide reputation as a forceful preacher.

It has been said of Dr. Gladden that he was one of the first preachers in the United States to indicate an understanding of and sympathy with the cause of organized labor. Throughout his career he has been a steady and consistent foe of business monopolies and of alliances between institutional religion and "high finance." Many years ago he attracted much public attention by his opposition to accepting John D. Rockefeller's money for missionary purposes. It was during the public controversy over this subject that the clergyman coined the well known phrase "tainted money."

LONG DEFERRED.

A man recently bereaved of his wife interviewed the minister about the arrangements.

"When is the funeral?" asked the clergyman.

"Monday," was the reply.

"Monday!" ejaculated the minister. "That's a long time to keep the body; a whole week."

"Well, ye see," said the bereft, "it's like this. When we got married, the wife an' me made up our minds to hev a quiet week at home the first chance we got. We're just havin' it now."—Tit-Bits.

SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

The Parish Guild of Christ Church will meet with Mrs. Joe Vidales at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Nopales Camp Fire Girls will have a Mexican supper at Mrs. Burnett's at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

Training for Service Class of the Christian Endeavor will meet at the church in the evening.

Red Cross surgical room will open at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday.

Meeting at the Surgical Supply Room at Red Cross headquarters at Elks Hall at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, with Mrs. H. G. Earnest as instructor.

Red Cross Knitting Circle will meet with Mrs. T. A. Bunn at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. T. A. Austin and Mrs. G. R. Weber will entertain in the Married Ladies Social Club and their escorts at the Hamilton Hotel at 8:15 o'clock in the evening.

The Wave.

I saw
A shining wave of piled-up sea.
It held
The swelling voices of the wave in prayer.

It rushed with all the sobs
It towered up in conquering mass,
Then fell—
Futility.

—Phyllis Ackerman.

General Mention.

Lieut. Jos. Mudd arrived yesterday afternoon from Fort Harrison, Ohio, to spend his furlough with his sisters before taking station at Camp Travis.

Mrs. J. K. Thompson returned today from San Antonio, where she went to attend the wedding of Mr. Jesse Thompson.

Mrs. P. P. Leyendecker, Jr., has returned from San Antonio, where she spent the week-end.

Miss Willie Bolton of Hattiesburg, Miss., is the house guest of Mrs. J. K. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Muller returned home yesterday in their automobile from a visit to relatives in San Marcos and San Antonio.

Mrs. J. A. Wilson returned yesterday from a few days visit to Misses MacGregor and Yeager at Santo Tomas.

Announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson Howell announce the marriage of their daughter, Gladys Ellice, to Mr. William Thomas Neblett Jr. on Thursday, November twenty-ninth, 1917, San Antonio, Texas.

Club Notes.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church held its regular weekly meeting at the Rectory with Mrs. C. W. Cook at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The little members spent the afternoon sewing on Christmas stockings for the Community Christmas Tree. Those present were: Marian and Dorothy Jackson, Anna May Mussett, Marjorie Fish, Josephine Brewster, Mary Besse MacDonald, Ethel and Anita Lane, Elizabeth, Charline and Miles Nye, Dorothy and Walter Seamon, George, Horace and Bobby Kehl, Barbara Biggio, Ethel Puster, John Robert Fasnacht, Bayless Gullette, Jack Puster, Arthur Jackson, Mary and Ralph Cook.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club. The Tuesday Music and Literary Club held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pierce Nye. There was a good attendance, about twenty members being present. At the business session it was decided that the members should meet at the Red Cross Headquarters room every Tuesday afternoon to assist in the work, except the day on which the program falls. It was also decided to co-operate with the other clubs in giving an "At Home" for the soldiers at Market Hall on December the 28th. The subject of this afternoon was "Grecian Folk Stories" and the leader was Mrs. Asher Smith. The following delightful program was given:

Paper, "Nature in Greek Folk Stories," Mrs. Woodard.

Reading, Selection, "Old Greek Stories Retold," Mrs. Mally.

Reading, Selection, "Keats' 'Endymion,'" Mrs. Wilson.

Grecian Legend of Psyche, Mrs. Threadgill.

Piano Selection, "Falling Leaves," Miss Dorothy Derby.

Red Cross Notes.

The members of the Red Cross held a rehearsal for Christmas Caroling on Monday evening. There were about thirty-five present. It is urged that all the members make an effort to be present at the next rehearsal, which will take place at Elks Hall on Friday evening at 7:30.

Visitors' Day.

On Wednesday, December 11, which is designated as Women's Day during the Red Cross Membership Drive, Visitors' Day will be celebrated at the Surgical Dressing Room. Everyone is cordially invited to come to Elks Hall and watch the workers make bandages and gauze dressings. The workers will wear the uniforms adopted for this department of Red Cross work, and it is hoped that all the ladies of Laredo will soon on this simple uniform of white apron and flowing veil and assist in the making of surgical dressings.

An Appeal to the Generous People of Laredo.

When you are making your appropriations for the poor at this season will you not also remember the Belgian Babies, 300,000 of whom are tubercular and destitute of actual necessities? They are in need of food, milk and clothes, and tuberculosis is increasing to a frightful degree. America is the only country that is now able to help Belgium save her future generations, and the people of Laredo surely want to do their part. Mrs. E. H. Bueh has charge of this work here and by tomorrow will have groups of workers stationed at various points throughout the town, near the Royal Theatre, the City Drug Store, Sonora News, Richter's Store, Wells, Fargo Co., and the post-office. Keep on the lookout for these, you will quickly know them for they will be in charge of "the pots which must be kept boiling" for Christmas. This time the offering they hold will help these little waifs back to health and strength.

PERSONALS

Wm. Epstein of San Antonio is in the city for a short visit and is stopping at the Bender.

Dr. and Mrs. Thos. Stetson of Hebronville are guests at the Hamilton.

Thos. O. Mudd returned yesterday from a business trip to Matheuala, Mexico.

Lieut. Joe P. Mudd arrived in the city yesterday for a short visit to relatives and will report on Saturday at Camp Travis to begin his military career.

Dr. John B. Herff, W. H. Kreiger, J. L. and A. A. Wilke of San Antonio arrived in the city yesterday in two automobiles and left this morning for some point up the river for a several days deer hunt.

Senator Carlos Bee of San Antonio is a guest at the Hamilton, having arrived in the city this morning.

Hon. Marshall Hicks of San Antonio arrived in the city this morning and is stopping at the Hamilton.

HAMILTON—H. Wren, Dallas; Dr. and Mrs. Thos. Stetson, Hebronville; A. Lombard, Durango, Mex.; C. S. Ragland, San Antonio; W. E. Osborne, Douglas, Ariz.; Dr. John B. Herff, W. H. Kreiger, J. L. Wilke, A. A. Wilke, H. S. Masters, San Antonio; L. E. Jeter, Memphis; E. B. Rogers, San Antonio; C. A. Portillo, Luis Jimenez, Mexico City; Carlos Bee, Marshall Hicks, San Antonio; B. H. Novick, New York; J. B. Moore, San Antonio; Francis Gaine, El Paso; Miss May Huel, Tampico; Irene Espinosa, Mexico City.

BENDER—George S. Gray, Corpus Christi; W. A. McTavish, J. W. Carter, B. J. Lange, Jr., William Epstein, San Antonio; J. B. Larkin, Dallas; B. C. Holloway, Miss B. C. Holloway, England; Ben Clarkson, Dallas; H. Earl Jormo, F. A. Armbrust, C. V. Brock, San Antonio; William Kitching, Dallas; J. Orvanos and wife, New York; I. J. Woodin, E. V. Sprout, Chicago, Ill.; A. Francis, A. Maroun, George Zrike, A. Francis, New York; L. Barbalillo, Monterrey, Mexico.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas-Mexican.

Train No. 1 leaves for Corpus Christi at 1:20 p. m.

Train No. 3 leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:30 p. m.

Train No. 2 arrives from Corpus Christi at 2:10 p. m.

Train No. 4 arrives from Corpus Christi at 7:05 p. m.

International & Great Northern.

Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 12:01 and arrives at 3:25 p. m.

Night Train.

Leaves at 9 p. m. and arrives at 8 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.

Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:20 a. m.

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FEAST DAY DULY OBSERVED AT SAN AGUSTIN CATHEDRAL

Large Crowd Present to Participate in Observance of Day in Honor of the Patron Saint of Mexico.

The feast of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" was observed at San Agustin cathedral this morning with solemn and impressive ceremonies, the spacious edifice being crowded during the mass services which began at 9 o'clock. The celebrant of the mass was Rev. Father Jose Coma, with Rev. Ramon Oliva Civit as deacon and Rev. Seferino de la Peña as sub-deacon. During the solemn high mass services beautiful and appropriate instrumental and vocal music was rendered by a special choir composed of Mexican ladies, with accompaniment on the organ by Miss Maria de la Garza and an orchestra.

The mass on this memorable occasion in honor of the patron saint of Mexico was delivered by Rev. de la Pena. The offertory, an "Ave Maria," was sung by Mrs. N. Torres, and the music as a whole was some of the most solemn and sweetest heard in many years in the old cathedral. Near the altar an improvised throne was erected, the background containing a large painting of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" and this was surrounded by roses and ferns. The mass service as a whole was the most impressive and solemn of the kind held in Laredo on this occasion in many years.

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Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 12.—Governor Cox went over the heads of the federal fuel administration today and took the Ohio fuel shortage into his own hands. He ordered solid trainloads of coal assembled and sent immediately to points in the state most seriously in need of fuel.

ARGUMENTS HEARD TODAY.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 12.—Arguments in the S. J. Spannell case were heard in the court of criminal appeals today.

INQUIRY IN BISHOP JONES CASE.

New York, Dec. 12.—A special commission of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church met in this city today to begin an official inquiry into certain alleged seditious utterances of the Rt. Rev. Paul Jones, bishop of the missionary district of Utah. Bishop Jones has been instructed to attend the hearing. The commission consists of the Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, bishop of Missouri, as chairman; Bishop George H. Kinsolving of Texas, and the Rt. Rev. Harry S. Longley, suffragan bishop of Iowa.

The case of Bishop Jones first attained publicity when he was requested to resign his post, by formal action taken by the laity of two of the leading congregations in Salt Lake City. The charge was that he was not loyal to his country, as indicated by his membership in the People's Council of America and other organizations not in sympathy with the national posture, and also by his criticism of the Government.

The accused Bishop has been a Socialist for some years. His education for his calling was gained at the theological seminary in Cambridge, Mass. Though a native of Pennsylvania, and educated in the East, he settled down for his life work in Utah, in 1906. Eight years later he was elected to the bishopric.

GAME FOR TWO.

In a Vermont town they tell of a suitor who, after some years of devotion, finally proposed to the lady of his choice.

"But Henry," protested the lady, "this is really sudden. You had better give me a week to think it over."

"Very well, my dear," said Henry. "And," after due reflection, he added, "perhaps it will be as well if I thought it over myself at the same time."—Puck.

SPORT CHATTER.

Jack Dillon and George Chip are the top-liners of a boxing show billed to take place in Duluth this month.

Jimmy Duffy, the Buffalo scrapper stated in court recently that he cleaned up the tidy sum of \$19,000 in 1915.

Charley Neary, the veteran Milwaukee boxer who has been in retirement several years, proposes to try a "comeback."

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight increasing cloudiness; not so cold. Thursday unsettled.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for hours ending at 7 a. m. to day:

Max. temp. 80 degs. Min. temp. 42 degs. General direction of wind.

Cloudy.

RECOGNIZE MERIT.

United States citizens all over the country are asked to urge their congressmen to vote favorably on a resolution permitting soldiers and sailors of the United States army and navy to receive from the allied governments medals of honor awarded them for their bravery and splendid work in the present war.

There is much to recommend this action. The United States has not paid much attention to "the pomp and circumstance of war," and there is only one medal of honor granted to American soldiers for meritorious action—the congressional medal of honor. And this is so hedged about with red tape that sometimes it has not been granted to those who earned it until years after the act which merited the honor.

General Henry W. Lawton, for instance, had almost forgotten the act of capturing Geronimo, the notorious Apache chief who died in the odor of sanctity and the ministry of the Baptist church, when congress belatedly conferred this honor upon him.

Some of those who won—the word is used advisedly—the medal of honor in the Civil War were given it after more than thirty years had passed. There may be others who are still awaiting the belated recognition of their country for acts performed in the Spanish War.

The granting of the British and French war medals is more than a recognition of bravery—it is an act of courtesy of which Americans cannot be too proud. It speaks of comradeship and of recognition of valor which is like the accolade of ancient times.

There are now several Americans who have been granted this high honor who have to await the action of congress before they can accept the decoration. So far as the other nations are concerned, the honor has been conferred and is recognized by the official gazette. So far as our nation is concerned, it might as well be the Royal Star of the High-Muck-a-Mucks. Or it might even have been purchased at a 5c and 10c store.

The article of the constitution which forbade the acceptance of honors at the hand of a foreign prince or potentate was intended to prevent the bribing of American officers or soldiers by a foreign "honor." It was also intended to mark the distinction between a monarchy and a democracy, for at the time when it was adopted, there was no other republic in the world save Switzerland, and the other countries were potential enemies of the future.

We profess to despise titles of nobility, while "dearly loving a lord," and there are few of the Americans who have made the grand tour who do not boast of having been "presented at court." And the stars and garters of foreign countries have always appealed to most of us, not because they were the trappings of monarchy, but because they appeared to confer distinction.

In ancient days knighthood was conferred upon a man for distinguished conduct in the presence of the enemy, not for mere political or commercial achievements. Nowadays the British crown confers the Victoria Cross for the same distinguished conduct, while the American government grants the medal of honor, carrying with it no title or privileges, but merely as a mark of distinction.

The present war has caused the granting of more war medals, including the now infamous iron cross, than all the previous wars put together. It may be that it will cause the granting of more medals of honor by the United States congress than all past wars, but at any rate, there is no reason why we should not be thrifty and "let George do it," when it comes to honoring our brave heroes. We might even let French give our soldiers the cross of war with palms, and thus save a few cents worth of bronze and ribbon.

By all means let each citizen of this country demand of his congressman a favorable vote on this question, so that our soldiers who have proven their valor may not feel ashamed in the presence of those who are their equals, not their superiors, in valor and fortitude. We should feel proud that another nation wants to honor our roughnecks.

PLENTY FOR ALL.

The declaration of a certain packer at the recent meeting in Chicago that "stocks of beef are piling up in the packing plants and that there is an adequate supply of beef and mutton on hand to supply the country without any decrease of consumption," is suggestive, to say the least.

It is probable that the packers and the great meat handlers do not want to see any reduction in the demand through the observance of meatless days, and it may be true that we are not facing a shortage of either beef or mutton, although the packers confess that there is an appreciable shortage of pork, and have nothing to say against its conservation.

But if there is so much beef and mutton on hand, and if, as the packers claim, there has been no appreciable increase in the export of beef to Europe during the war, why do we have to pay such high prices for meat?

Wheat used for many months to supply where was a decided shortage of a beef stock; that there is an unequal supply of an increase of the

stock, and that the growers were in many cases even selling their breeding stock; consequently the price of beef on the hoof had so appreciated in value that the price of meat to the consumer had to be advanced nearly 100 per cent.

The attitude of the packers is like that of most wholesalers when they see their industry attacked. When the women of New York and Chicago began the boycott of eggs, the prices within a few days dropped from ten to twenty per cent. When the boycott was urged on butter, the prices of that article fell over night to a more reasonable figure.

The meatless day will not do any harm to the average American. We eat more meat than is good for us—at least, we used to, before the price went soaring. And if one day's abstinence from meat each week will tend to reduce the price—and the packer's statement indicates that it will—then the meatless day will be of double use; it will improve our health and also enable us to eat what we want on other days without ruining us financially.

Greed invariably overreaches itself. It is declared that a price-fixing campaign will soon be inaugurated by the federal government, and that those who charge exorbitant prices for the necessities of life will be prohibited from selling during the continuance of the war.

Some time ago when it was urged that people eat less butter and use substitutes, the price of oleomargarine was immediately boosted, and the people found that they could buy butter almost as cheaply as the substitute.

No sooner is an increased tax put on any article of barter and sale than it is made the excuse for extortion. And then comes the inevitable result: the people get disgusted and look for some substitute which can be purchased more cheaply, so that in the end the extortionate dealer has to reduce his prices or face a loss.

All the way down the ladder, from the producer to the pettiest retailer, the price-fixing is a necessity. "War profits" seem so easy a way of increasing one's wealth, that it is not surprising that the dealer succumbs to the temptation and marks up his prices, especially as "everybody is doing it."

But to return to the meat question: If it is really true that there is a sufficiency of beef and mutton for our nation's needs, then the food administration should see to it that the prices are reduced. The meatless day will doubtless help, but there should be a maximum price established and enforced, and the people should be no longer humbugged into believing that a real shortage was the only reason for the advance in prices.

Meat two years ago was selling in Laredo for 15c a pound. It is now sold at 25c, and there is even a prospect of our having to pay more. It is true that the purchaser of Kansas City meat pays more than does the one who eats Laredo meat, but the prices of both should be lowered.

The armistice has been signed and Russia's baseness is sealed and delivered. For the future we should refuse to admit within the pale of decent society any Russian who approves of this act.

The holy places in Jerusalem have been placed under British guard, and the mosque of Omar has been placed under Mohammedan protection. This should convince all the inhabitants that there is no intent to deprive any of them of their religious freedom.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2782 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Robert L. Muller is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Robert L. Muller on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$6.10 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Blocks No's. 432, 434 and 444, in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

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Given under my hand this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.

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Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the collection of City taxes for the year 1917. Hours:—9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

D. C. de LACHICA, City Tax Collector. 12-4-1m.

TIMES WANT ADS.

Money Makers

TRAGIC DEATH OF MISS GODWIN AT HER SAN ANTONIO HOME

Deceased, Aged 59 Years, Had Resided in Laredo Many Years and Many Laredo People Attended Her School.

Miss Lizzie Godwin, aged 59 years, and who for many years made her home in Laredo, met a tragic death in her home at 1507 Jones Avenue, in San Antonio, on Monday morning while cooking her morning meal. Miss Godwin, aged and feeble, had gone to the kitchen of her home, in which she resided alone, to prepare breakfast, and a few hours later neighbors were attracted to the scene and found her charred and disfigured body lying on the floor. Her garments had evidently become ignited and she burned to death before she could summon aid. Opposite her home on the same avenue resided a nephew, who had built the home for his aged aunt and was caring, for her, but she was of an eccentric turn of mind and insisted on living a solitary life, hence nobody was in the house with her at the time of the deplorable accident.

All old-time residents of Laredo knew Miss Lizzie Godwin, and some of this city's most prominent and best citizens attended her school and attained the rudiments of their education. For many years she taught a private school in this city, living in her home which she owned one block north of the Texas-Mexican tracks on Juarez Avenue. There she resided with her nephew, George Marmion, who was a conductor on the National Lines of Mexico. Several years ago, on account of her advanced age and infirm condition, she was compelled to give up her school. Three years ago, after much persuasion, she consented to remove to San Antonio to reside near another nephew, who built her a home just opposite his, and it was in this home that the aged lady met her tragic death.

LAREDO ASTONISHED BY MERCHANT'S STORY.

A merchant relates the following: "For years I could not sleep without turning every hour. Whatever I ate caused gas and sourness. Also had stomach catarrh. ONE SPOONFUL buckthorn, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-Ika relieved me INSTANTLY." Because Adler-Ika flushes the ENTIRE alimentary tract it relieves ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICK-EST action of anything we ever sold. The City-Drug Co.

WILL RECESS FOR HOLIDAYS ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th.

Teachers Will Also Receive Salaries on That Date; Schools Will Resume Work January 2.

At a meeting of the School Board held yesterday afternoon, besides the regular routine business, in order to make Christmas enjoyable to the teachers, it was decided to pay them on Friday, the 21st, and also to close the schools for the holidays Friday, Dec. 21st, and to reopen Wednesday, Jan. 2d, 1918.

Some of the teachers and also pupils will leave here shortly after the closing of school to spend the holidays with relatives or friends in other portions of the state.

Sickly children need WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It is not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strenuous strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Corn Pain Stopped Quick

Corns Lift Right Off With "Gets-It"

Blessed relief from corn pains is simple as A B C with "Gets-It." When you've been limping around for days trying to get away from a heart-drying corn or bumpy callus, and everything you've tried has



only made it worse, and then you put some "Gets-It" on and the pain ceases right away, and the corn peels right off like a banana skin—"ain't it a grand and heavenly feeling?" "Gets-It" has revolutionized the corn history of the world. Millions use it and it never fails. Ladies wear smaller shoes and have pain-free feet. We old fellows and young fellows forget our toes and feel frisky as colts. Everybody with a corn or callus needs "Gets-It." We will all walk about and enjoy ourselves as we did without corns. Get a bottle today from your druggist, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. 5c is all you need to pay. It is commended as the world's best corn remedy by G. C. Horner. City Drug Co. People's Phcy. (Flavio Vargas, Prop.)

MILK REACHES HIGH PRICE; JUST DOUBLE FORMER PRICE

The Lactal Food, Which Formerly Sold for Five Cents Per Pint Is Now Sold at Ten Cents a Pint.

Giving as their reason the fact that feedstuff necessary for the proper feeding of dairy cattle is steadily advancing in price and is now at the most exorbitant price ever known, dairymen of the Laredo section of country are again to raise the price of the lactal food to their patrons, one dairymen announcing the advance effective on Saturday next.

From time immemorial the price of milk has generally been five cents per pint, ten cents a quart and larger amounts in proportion, but with the new price effective soon the price will be just double the former price. Consumers of dairy products have been hit hard for the past year or more, as the prices of butter, milk and kindred products of the dairy have been advancing in price commensurate with the soaring in the prices of feedstuff for dairy cattle.

COLD WEATHER CONTINUES; FREEZE IS NOW PREDICTED

So Far, However, No Serious Damage Has Been Done to Crops in the Laredo Section This Winter.

The cold weather still hangs on, the thermometer this morning registering 48 degrees, but freezing temperature is predicted for tomorrow morning by the weather forecast published today.

This is the season of the year when continuous north winds can be expected to come creeping along and driving the mercury down, but with the exception of the severe cold spell that prevailed last Sunday there has been no damaging cold hereabouts. Onions have not been damaged, state the growers, and as this is the principal crop in the Laredo section, there is much relief in that announcement. Some growers state that their tender vegetation has been damaged by the cold spells, while others say the damage will not be to that extent where it will prove deleterious to any crops.

OFF TO THE PENITENTIARY WITH HIS FOUR PRISONERS

Webb County Convicts, Including One Man From Zapata County, Taken to State Penitentiary Today.

G. W. Gambill, transfer agent of the state penitentiary, arrived in Laredo yesterday afternoon, coming after four prisoners in the Webb county jail who had been tried and convicted at the last term of the district court and sentenced to serve terms in the state penitentiary.

Mr. Gambill left at noon today for the Huntsville penitentiary with the prisoners, who were the following: Moises Arribas, given two years for murder; Leonides Limon, given two years for burglary; Dionicio Treviño, given two years for theft of horse and saddle; Luis Juarez, given two years for theft from the person.

AMBASSADOR FLETCHER TO ARRIVE IN LAREDO TONIGHT

Is Enroute From His Headquarters in Mexico City to Washington on Important Diplomatic Business.

United States Consul Sholes received advices by telegraph yesterday to the effect that United States Ambassador Henry P. Fletcher left Mexico City yesterday enroute to Washington and would reach Nuevo Laredo this evening, coming to this side tonight and remaining in Laredo until tomorrow at noon, when he will resume his journey to the national capital.

The object of Ambassador Fletcher's visit to Washington at this time is not known. We will be in Washington several days and then return here on his way back to Mexico City.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

DECEMBER 13.

Dr. Edwin F. Ladd, president of North Dakota Agricultural College, who is serving as one of the Federal food administrators under Mr. Hoover, was born at Starks, Maine, 58 years ago today. Dr. Ladd got his fundamental training in agricultural, natural science, and soil values at the University of Maine, which, on the basis of his record, 31 years after he had been graduated in 1884, made him an LL. D. From 1884 to 1890 he was in charge of the chemistry department of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. Since 1890 he has been identified with the administrative and research work of the North Dakota Agricultural College and Experiment Station, his title at one time being State Chemist. In 1902 he was made a State food commissioner. Dr. Ladd's standing with American and British students of the chemistry of soils is high, and he has repeatedly been used by his State and by the nation at times of need in conservation of natural resources and control of food supplies. He knows the agricultural problem of the great wheat producing region of the United States as well, perhaps, as any man in the country.

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LITTLE LOCALS

—A dispatch from Presidio says "Pedro Falvela takes Ojinaga after it was vacated." This is something unusual, for a Falvela never takes anything that is empty. But this Mexican general, whose name properly is "Fabela," of Spanish-Celaya descent, is not relation of the Falvela on the Laredo Times, who is of Irish-Italian descent, and best of all "puro-Americano."

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Crockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas. 5-11-12.

—We repair typewriters. Oliver Agency. Strand Building. 12-4-12t.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Webb.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1917, and to me directed and delivered in Cause No. 2770 therein mentioned, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff, and Enrique Rangel is defendant, and wherein the State of Texas recovered a judgment against said Enrique Rangel on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1917, for the sum of \$28.80 and costs of suit, with a foreclosure of a tax lien on the following described property, viz:

Lots No's. 5 and 7 in Block No. 480, in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

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—Just arrived, carload of toys. R. Flores and Brother. 12-10-1-15.

—A very nice and appreciable Christmas present for the "boys" who are at the army camps putting themselves in proper shape for the trouble "over there" would be a year's subscription to the Daily Times. That would keep them posted for the coming year on what is transpiring at home and a better present for them could not be purchased for the sum of \$5.

—If you want a corset that gives perfect satisfaction, let us serve you. The Gold Medal is surely the one for you. We give individual service. The Hat Shop. 11-14-1m.

—Texas Real Estate & Abstract Co. 1012 Farragut street. Phone 1061. Abstracts of property in Laredo and lands of Webb county. 7-19-12t.

—In twelve days more Christmas will be here. Merchants are already displaying their holiday goods, many early purchasers are making their selections of Christmas goods and already the postoffice and express company fully realize the approach of the gladtime season, for the dispatching of Christmas packages is now the order of the day.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-12t.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017. 6-20-12t.

—A meeting of Governor Hobby and the governors of three of the Mexican states in Laredo was announced several weeks ago to take place in Laredo this month. But so far as can be learned there has been no definite date arranged for the meeting.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-12t.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-12t

Used 40 Years

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Sold Everywhere

PLAINTIFF TOOK NON-SUIT AND DISMISSED THE CASE

Case of Mrs. Agustina Benavides vs. Mrs. Lamar B. Benavides Comes to Sudden Ending in District Court.

Yesterday afternoon in district court in this city, before J. L. Dannelley sitting as special judge, the case of Mrs. Agustina Benavides vs. Mrs. Lamar B. Benavides, trespass to try title, came to an abrupt ending when counsel for the plaintiff took a non-suit and dismissed the case.

The case was called and had progressed but a short time when, after introducing some testimony, the action of the plaintiff resulted. The case involved title to some 3,900 acres of land in the vicinity of the coal mines.

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Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonic known, combined with the best blood purifier, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 25c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Notice to Patrons.

Beginning December 15 the price of milk will be advanced to ten cents a pint or twenty cents a quart. This advance is absolutely necessary on account of the extremely high price of feed.

DABBS' DAIRY.

12-12-12t.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight fair; colder; freezing. Friday fair; not so cold.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 86 degs.

Min. temp. 48 degrees.

General direction of wind: North. Cloudy.

Broom Corn Seed.

Oklahoma dwarf broom corn seed, cream and red, dwarf maize, dwarf kafir, feterita and cane. All \$6.00 per 100 lbs. freight prepaid.

CLAYCOMB SEED STORE, Guymon, Oklahoma. 12-13-3t.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

Physicians, Surgeons and Specialists Members Webb Co. Medical Society

DR. H. M. AUSTIN, Physician and Surgeon, Office hours:—10 to 12 a. m. and 4 to 5 p. m. Office: Room 5, Richter Building. Home: Residence, 474; Office, 634.

DR. H. C. HALL, Physician and Surgeon. Office hours:—10 to 12 a. m. and 4 to 5 p. m. Office:—Valls Building. Phones:—Residence 467. Office 346.

SPECIALISTS.

DR. H. STOW GARLICK, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Office: Richter Building. Hours: 10 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m. Sundays, 10 a. m. and by appointment. Phone: Office, 699. Res. Milmo Nat. Bank Bldg. Phone 212.

DR. J. T. WARD, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Office: 1315 Victoria St. Hours: 9 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m.

OSTEOPATHS.

DRS. C. F. and H. E. KENNEY, Osteopaths. Residence and Office 1603 Matamoros. Tel. 197.

LAWYERS.

HICKS, HICKS, DICKSON AND

WILL OBSERVE CHRISTMAS DESPITE WAR.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—So far as is known no suggestion will be made by any of the warring nations this year looking to an attempt to bring about a formal truce over Christmas Day in the theatre of war. During the first years of the war there was some discussion in England and elsewhere in regards to such a truce over the Yuletide season, but it came to naught and consequently is not likely to be renewed this year. But this does not mean that the boys in the trenches will be deprived wholly of their Christmas celebration. Last Christmas, by tacit consent, both sides refrained from indulging in any serious fighting on the holiday, and it is likely that the same custom will be observed this year. The soldiers will be permitted to feast and to be as merry as they can; and each will celebrate the day, as far as possible, according to the customs of his own land.

It will be Europe's fourth Christmas according to reports, all of the warring nations, with the exception of Turkey, are striving to bring some small part at least of the usual Christmas happiness and good cheer to the men at the front, the unfortunate internees in the prison camps, and the sick and wounded confined in the great military hospitals.

In England, France and other of the European countries, as well as in the United States, the loving hearts of the women at home have been guiding their busy needles and the children's little fingers, to form the multitude of gifts which are being despatched to the different armies in time for Christmas.

Faiths differ, and with them the observance of the Christmas celebrations, but all countries have their pretty legends, quaint beliefs and odd superstitions which from time immemorial have attached themselves to the ancient festival of Christmas. Many of the American boys who are now making their first acquaintance with France and the French people doubtless will be delighted with some of the customs with which the Yuletide is observed in the land of the tricolor.

In France as in other Roman Catholic countries the midnight mass on the night before Christmas is one of the most impressive services of the year. The altars are made beautiful with myriads of glowing tapers and fragrant with the perfume of flowers and burning incense. The custom is common on the night of the nativity to have quite complete, not only having the figure of the infant, but also dolls to represent the Virgin Mother and St. Joseph, and little crudely shaped animals.

Another of the pleasing Christmas customs in France consists of giving special welcome to the first babe left on Christmas morning at the door of the founding homes. A handsome cradle and fine soft linens are made ready, and the poor little waif is taken in and given a ceremonious welcome in the name of the Christ Child.

While little American and English children delight to hang up their stockings at bedtime near the chimney on Christmas eve, the boys and girls of France place their shoes in a corner, or near the fire, that the good Pere Noel, or the little Christ Child, may come and fill them with goodies. In times of peace no country of the world makes more of the Christmas festivities than do Germany and Austria. The day is made an occasion for joy and merriment, and other public festivities, musicals and wine parties.

But in these days of war things are vastly different in the lands of the two emperors. Last year and the year before all public functions were discontinued by tacit agreement, public dancing was prohibited and the people of the middle classes devoted their holiday to modest home pleasures and the solace of church worship. Only in the highest military circles and among the very rich was the day observed with even a suggestion of the old-time joviality.

NOTICE TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS.

Be sure to buy all the accessories, gasoline and oil that you will need over Sunday, as you can not buy any more in Laredo on Sunday.

The undersigned firms will close every Sunday in the future, beginning Sunday, December 16th, 1917.

Laredo Auto Sales Co.
Rio Grande Buick Co.
Texas Auto Sales Co.
Jno. A. Applewhite Garage.
International Auto Co.
Citizens Auto Co.
Jose Nieto Garage.
Crescent Garage.
Rio Grande Tire Co.
Yearly Storage Battery Co.
Cavazos Vulcanizing Co.
Garage Bautista.
Earnest & Lattig.
Laredo Overland Co.
Whittaker & Brennan.
I. Padilla y Cia.
Ames Motor Car Co.

TIMES WANT ADS.

Money Makers Money Makers

U. S. AMBASSADOR FLETCHER AND WIFE PASSED THROUGH

GOES TO WASHINGTON ON BUSINESS WITH STATE DEPT.

Will Discuss Exportation Matters and Also Remain in East to Spend Christmas at Old Home.

United States Ambassador Henry P. Fletcher, accompanied by his wife, arrived in Nuevo Laredo yesterday evening and at 7 o'clock crossed to the American side of the river and proceeded to the Bender Hotel. They were accompanied from Monterey to this city by United States Consul Randolph Robertson, and were met in Nuevo Laredo by General Reynaldo Garza, Customs Collector Domingo Gonzalez of Nuevo Laredo and Mexican Consul Melquiades Garcia, who came to this side and remained with the party until the departure of the northbound train at nine o'clock. The party was also met by United States Consul Sholes.

At the Bender Hotel, where supper was served for Ambassador and Mrs. Fletcher, Consuls Robertson and Sholes, General Garza, Customs Collector Gonzalez and Mexican Consul Garcia, The Times reporter asked Ambassador Fletcher if there was any special significance attached to his visit to Washington at this time, and he replied: "I am going there on business with the department of state, and principally to discuss matters pertaining to the exportations of American goods to Mexico. Mrs. Fletcher and myself will spend Christmas at our old home in the East and expect to return to Mexico probably by the latter part of the month or immediately after New Year."

After partaking of supper and spending some time in conversation Ambassador and Mrs. Fletcher, accompanied by the members of the party who was with them at supper, proceeded to the I. & G. N. station, where the ambassador and his wife took the nine o'clock train for the national capital.

During the course of the conversation with The Times reporter Ambassador Fletcher was asked if the Japanese ambassador did not reach Mexico City a few days ago, as it was reported that he had passed through Laredo, and the American diplomat replied: "There is only one ambassador in Mexico now, and that is the American ambassador; the other nations are represented by ministers."

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Lot No. 2 in Block No. 276 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

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Lot No. 8 in Block No. 253 in the Western Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor Phone 76

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. R. A. Millar at half after two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Honor Guard Girls will meet with Miss Belle Westbrook at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Junior Scouts will meet at five o'clock in the afternoon at the residence of Mrs. H. M. Austin.

Red Cross Headquarters Supply room will be in charge of Mrs. Leonard Nelson.

The Sansugi Camp Fire Girls will meet at 4:30 in the afternoon.

The Woman's Club will entertain with a program at the Army Y. M. C. A. in the evening.

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 2 will hold their regular weekly meeting at the library at seven o'clock in the evening.

Saturday.

The Red Cross Knitting Circle will meet with Mrs. W. W. MacGregor at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Ladies Night at the 37th Infantry Club, at Fort McIntosh.

"You are old, Kaiser William," the crown prince said.

"And for years have done nothing but fight."

Yet now you incessantly prate about peace—

Will the world understand the thing right?"

"When I started this war," he replied to his son.

"I thought we were certain to win. But the terrible bloomer you made at Verdun."

Has encouraged the allies like sin."

"You are old," said the youth, "and you speak about God."

And you treat him almost as a friend.

Don't you think he should heed your Imperial nod

And bring this affair to an end?"

"I've answered your question; be off on your way."

Said the father, restraining a sob;

"You've only lost fourteen divisions, today."

They'll think that you're quitting the job."

Porter Emerson Browne of the Vigilantes (with appropriate apologies to the late Lewis Carroll.)

General Mention.

Mr. H. B. Gullette and son, left yesterday for Mexico, after a visit to their family.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. McReynolds of Los Angeles, California, are in the city, the guests of Mrs. P. M. Smith and family.

Miss Una Young of Brownsville, will arrive today for a visit to friends and relatives.

Mrs. Albert Martin expects to leave on Saturday for San Antonio, where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Benson and children left today for Victoria, Texas, on a visit to relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lucinda Vidaurri, accompanied by Miss Irene Cruz, will arrive from San Antonio to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Allan Stowers and little son arrived in Laredo yesterday from Muskogee, Okla., to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stowers. Allan Stowers will arrive next week to join his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira O'Meara leave Saturday morning for the Espejo ranch, to spend a week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Patterson, after which they will go to Carrizo Springs to spend Christmas with Mr. O'Meara's parents.

Mrs. W. H. Baker and daughter, Miss Jean Baker, arrived in Laredo this morning from St. Louis and will sojourn here for some time as a guest of their relative, Mrs. Leslie L. Stoner.

Miss Baker, besides being a charming young lady and an athlete, is also an aviatrix, and enjoys the distinction of being one of the first of her sex to make a long-distance flight in an aeroplane, as about five years ago, in company with a military officer, Miss Baker made a trip in a flying machine and encircled Ellis Island and Coney Island and then returned to New York.

Announcement.

The Tuesday Bridge Club will be entertained by Mrs. S. M. Barlow on

Tuesday afternoon at half after three o'clock.

Club Notes.

The Heights Red Cross Knitting Circle met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. T. A. Bunn, and a very busy time was passed in knitting. A number of garments were turned in. Those present were: Mesdames Joseph, Fulton, Tutweiler, Atlee, Heaner, Bueez, Burnett, Ryan, Stucky, Mason, Rodgers, Rogers and the hostess.

Entertainment.

The members of the Married Ladies Social Club, their escorts and a number of guests were entertained in a delightful informal fashion by Mesdames T. A. Austin and G. R. Weber at the Hotel Hamilton last evening.

In the series of pleasant games played, the club high score went to Mrs. Cogley and Dr. Younklin and the guest high score fell to Mrs. Dodd and Capt. Harris. A refreshment course followed the game. Those present were: Club members—Mr. and Mrs. Cogley, Mr. and Mrs. Christen, Mr. and Mrs. Fish, Dr. and Mrs. Garlick, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Woodman, Dr. and Mrs. Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. Wager, Dr. and Mrs. Younklin, Mr. and Mrs. Young; Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Mally, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Leyendecker, Mr. and Mrs. Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. Bueez, Dr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moore, Capt. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. Hartley, Mesdames Dodd, Gill, Gilbreath, Edmonds, Tucker, A. Martin, Jones and Miss McKnight.

PERSONALS

W. H. Schveers, a prominent cattle man of San Antonio arrived in the city this morning.

Leonard Haynes left this afternoon for Zapata county on business.

W. H. Maples and J. D. Duncan of El Paso arrived in Laredo last night, having made the trip overland in an automobile.

HAMILTON—J. P. Payera, Monterey; G. D. McGinnis, W. H. Maples, San Antonio; W. T. Knight, Richmond, Va.; Luis Mercadillo, Mexico; Carlos R. Diaz, Jose de la Luz Huma, New York; J. D. Duncan, W. H. Gibson, El Paso; Mrs. W. H. Green, Kenton, Ohio; J. J. Callahan, New York; R. Uribe Valencia and family, San Antonio; V. Rivero y Fernandez, Monterey; A. J. Bassett, Capt. Inf. O. R. C. L. Gutierrez and wife, San Antonio; W. Archer and family, U. S. R.; Mrs. B. de Lain, Mexico City.

BENDER—Thos. Piner, Mexico City; H. H. Skinner, Dallas; L. E. Hutchison, San Antonio; M. B. Berkman, St. Louis, Mo.; J. T. Forrest, San Antonio; Luis F. Velazquez, S. J. Gonzalez and wife, Mexico City; G. Tanjalo, Eagle Pass; Gerardo Payabenas, New York; M. S. Michael, New Orleans, La.; Miss D. Christi, Mexico City; R. Robertson, Monterey; Lieut. and Mrs. J. C. Hanberry, U. S. A.; T. Tirado and wife, St. Louis, Mo.; D. C. Smith, San Antonio; Mrs. E. Beck, Mexico City.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 4.

1782—Charleston, S. C., was evacuated by the Union approved by President Monroe.

1844—Steamer Belle of Clarksville run down in the Mississippi River by the steamer Louisiana and sunk, with loss of over 30 lives.

1851—Louis Napoleon elected President of the French Republic.

1861—Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, died at Windsor Castle, Bern near Coburg, Germany, in 1819.

1863—General Longstreet repulsed the Federals at Bean's Station, in East Tennessee.

1864—Gen. Benjamin F. Butler was given command of the land forces to operate against Fort Fisher.

1870—Fretaval, a town of central France, was taken by the Germans, but soon abandoned.

1891—A bill was introduced in the United States senate to provide a memorial statue to General U. S. Grant in Washington.

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Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure, taken internally, acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It is prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonic known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. R. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

CAN OF POWDER PLACED IN LOCOMOTIVE TENDER OF ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD

Fortunately Negro Fireman Discovered It as He was About to Throw It Into the Firebox—Spreckles Charges Food Administration with being Cause of Sugar Shortage on Atlantic Seaboard.

TO DEVELOP WATER POWER.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The senate today passed the Shields bill for the development of water power projects on navigable streams. It now goes to the house.

TO TELL WHAT UNCLE SAM IS DOING.

New York, Dec. 14.—An exposition of the whole Government program for carrying on the war is promised at the annual meeting of the Academy of Political Science, which met in this city today for a two-day session. Particular attention is to be paid to problems of transport and of feeding and equipping the soldiers.

Raymond B. Stevens, vice chairman of the United States Shipping Board, will discuss the ship program. Daniel Willard, chairman of the War Industries Board, is to talk on the railroad situation, and Howard E. Coffin, chairman of the Aircraft Board, will head the discussion on aeronautics. At a public session to be held in Carnegie Hall Dr. Harry A. Garfield, Fuel Administrator, will preside, and Frank A. Vanderbilt will explain the thrift campaign.

TO START NEW DRAFT SYSTEM.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Provost Marshal General Crowder and his assistants have everything in readiness for putting the new draft system into operation tomorrow. Beginning on that day questionnaires are to be mailed to all registrants not now in service. Those who fail to return the new forms within seven days after mailing will be classed as delinquents, according to the instructions issued by General Crowder to the members of the selection boards throughout the country.

Everyone subject to the Selective Service laws is held responsible for the new rules and regulations, and failure to comply with them will be held a misdemeanor punishable by fine and imprisonment, and the immediate waiver of all rights and privileges otherwise provided.

WAR HITS SHOW BUSINESS.

New York, Dec. 14.—The theatrical business in New York is beginning to feel the results of the war and the war taxes. The past month has witnessed a decided slump in patronage, particularly at the higher-priced theaters. The managers are now discussing the advisability of a general reduction in prices. Already the Selwyns, Klaw and Erlanger, William A. Brady and other of the prominent magnates have lowered prices, particularly on Saturday nights.

During the flush times of the past year or two the leading houses one after another have established the custom of increasing the prices on Saturday nights, or on any other night when they believed that business would be unusually good. For a long time the patient public has stood for this imposition. But the war tax has set the public to thinking. Six dollars for a pair of tickets to a popular attraction, with sixty cents added for the war tax, has caused the Gotham playgoer to do a little serious thinking before he goes to his evening's entertainment. As a result of this thinking, a considerable proportion of the public has frequented the theater less than it did a few months back.

The producers and managers have given the high cost of production as the reason for the boost in prices. But new one of the prominent managers comes forth with the statement that \$1.50 is high enough for a musical show, and \$1 for other productions. The public is inclined to accept this view.

SPORT CHATTER.

While several New York boxing promoters may be found who are willing to take chance and stage a show, your Gotham boxer is a bit shy of showing his wares in the ring since the repeal of the Frawley law.

Miss Cora Livingston, champion woman wrestler, and Miss Grace Brady are matched to appear before a private club in Cleveland in the future in a finish catch-as-catch can wrestling bout.

By Associated Press.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 14.—A 10-pound can of nitro powder was discovered in the tender of an Illinois Central engine on a passenger train just as the negro fireman was about to toss the can into the firebox of the locomotive while the train was standing on the tracks at the station here early today. The can was turned over to the federal authorities.

The Sugar Question.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Declaring that there is no shortage of sugar in the United States and that the famine is local to the Atlantic seaboard, President Spreckles of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, testifying at the senate committee's investigation, placed the responsibility on the food administration. Sugar, he declared, was now passing through New York for Canada because of higher prices.

To Probe Sympathy Strike.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 14.—Members of the President's labor commission, of which Secretary of Labor Wilson is chairman, said today the party would probably leave Seattle late today for the East. The commission will stop at St. Paul and Minneapolis to investigate the threatened sympathy strike of all union men in the twin cities.

To Probe Naval Conduct.

Washington, Dec. 14.—A house subcommittee to make a thorough investigation of the conduct of the war by the navy was created by the naval committee today in executive session. Hearings will be arranged soon. Secretary Daniels, bureau chiefs and officers who have been on duty abroad will be called. The plans for naval investigation were unanimously agreed upon. The members of the committee say that as at the last session a billion, one hundred thousand dollars was appropriated for naval expenses and that this year another billion dollars is proposed, the system of expending such vast sums should be examined.

BOLSHEVIKI WANT TO TREAT FOR PEACE

TROSKY SAYS DELEGATES ARE EMPOWERED TO ENTER INTO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 14.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, according to a Reuter Petrograd despatch, announces that if the armistice for the eastern front is signed at Brestlitovsk, the Russian delegates are empowered to enter into peace negotiations.

Kaledines Besieging Restov.

Petrograd, Dec. 12.—General Kaledines began hostilities and is besieging Restov-on-the-Don, it is reported here. Within Restov the Bolshevik troops have clashed with the Cossacks, who have destroyed Bolshevik headquarters. A telegram received at Bolshevik headquarters says there have been riots in Restov in which the Cossacks were put down by the Bolsheviks.

Korniloff's Cossacks Defeated.

Petrograd, Dec. 13.—In a battle at Bielgorod, according to the Bolshevik report, General Korniloff's Cossacks were defeated. They retreated to Vasilieika. In connection with the battle at Restov, the evening newspapers report the Cossacks as victorious, the Bolsheviks retreating across the Don to Nakhitcheva.

Bolsheviks Occupy Towns.

London, Dec. 14.—According to a Reuter despatch, the Bolsheviks have occupied Tamanovka and Kaguga.

Heavy Artillery Fighting.

Paris, Dec. 14.—Heavy fighting occurred last night in Champagne, the war office announces.

British Improved Position.

London, Dec. 14.—"Our troops improved their position slightly east of Bullecourt as the result of bomb fighting in that locality," says today's statement. "The enemy raided our

COTTON CONSUMPTION.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Cotton consumption during November was 590,753 running bales, the census bureau announces.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 14.—Owing to the war Chicago has decided not to have a municipal Christmas tree this year. Instead, it has arranged for a big "Christmas Tree Festival and Animal Circus" to be held in the Coliseum, opening tonight and continuing until Christmas eve. All sorts of festivities and entertainment have been provided for the little folk, who are to be admitted to the show for a nominal charge. The net proceeds of the entertainment will be donated to the war relief funds.

NOT ALWAYS.

"Ambassador Gerard," said a New York broker, "had a happy way in Berlin of chaffing the great war lords and dictators."

"A grand duke said to the ambassador at a reception:

"Germany will win the war. Then let America look out."

"How will Germany win?" said Mr. Gerard, calmly.

"With her submarines, with her gases, and above all," said the grand duke, "with perseverance. Perseverance, Mr. Ambassador, always conquers."

"Always?" said Mr. Gerard, winking at his second secretary. "How about the hen on the china egg?"—Detroit Free Press.

HE WANTED TO KNOW, TOO.

A popular instructor in New York, whose specialty is making figures of pretty girls for magazine covers heard a rap at his studio door. Answering it, he found in the hallway a young person, plainly from the east side, of an exceedingly commonplace face and figure, who was chewing gum.

"Say, mister," said the young person out of the southeast corner of her mouth, "dyer want a model?"

He considered her carefully before answering. Then he said,

From Saturday's Daily.
A CALAMITY FOR THE CANARIES.

A newspaper lately received from the Canary Islands tells of distressing conditions in those far-away islands, off the coast of Africa. The war has ruined their business, which was mainly the exportation of fruits, bananas and tomatoes. There was little left for the bulk of the inhabitants to do, so many thousands of them have emigrated to Cuba, where there was plenty of work for them in the sugar plantations, especially in view of the high prices which have lately obtained for sugar.

Many of the emigrants have been sending money home, which has kept the inhabitants from starving, and the money made from raising and selling onion seed has kept the natives in a comparatively comfortable condition. But now the German submarine campaign has cut off much of the onion seed trade, and the 800 emigrants who had engaged passage for Cuba in October were informed that the steamship companies had canceled the sailing of the steamers because of the submarine menace.

Not only will this cause much suffering in the Canaries, but also in Cuba, where the approaching sugar harvest demands thousands of laborers. The Cuban law so far prohibits the introduction of Chinese coolie labor, and the average imported negro labor is unsatisfactory, so the Spanish from the Canaries have had almost a monopoly of this work in the past.

But, as the Canary newspaper points out, if the Spanish cannot reach Cuba because of the submarine blockade, and the negroes are not desirable as laborers, the present labor crisis may result in a temporary revocation of the order prohibiting the importation of Chinese coolies, with the resultant effect of lowering the wages in the future.

The paper in question hopes that its home government "will not accept as effective the absurd pretensions of the Central powers and abstain from trading with the American countries, as we should then be the only ones who would respect the pretended blockade of an entire continent by a nation which is lacking in naval forces to make the decree effective, a requisite essential for any blockade, because in this case the world blockade dictated by Berlin would suffice to bring about the immediate paralysis of maritime traffic on the entire globe."

The Spanish government has already protested to Berlin regarding the bombardment of a Spanish steamer by a German submarine. It may be that the matter will soon be adjusted, but so far as permitting the emigration of Spanish subjects to Cuba is concerned, Berlin will not be willing to make any concessions, as Cuba has already declared war against the Central powers. The fruit exportation is also hardly possible of solution through appeal to Berlin, as the tomatoes, bananas and other fruit exported by the Canaries are not all sent to Spain, but a large amount was formerly sold in Great Britain.

Another thing that is troubling the Canaries is the failure of the Spanish railroads to facilitate the transportation of their perishable products when they reach Spanish ports. Naturally a delay of but a few days is sufficient to ruin an entire shipment, and it seems that the complaints of this nature have been many.

The people of the Canaries are industrious and thrifty people. They have made their sub-tropical islands to blossom as a rose, and only the cutting off of their foreign markets, upon which they depend for their income, as well as for their imports, has been able to affect these sturdy descendants of the first Spaniards who sailed out into the unknown seas in search of a new home.

Settled by Europeans a century before Columbus sailed into the west in search of Cipango, the Canaries are the oldest colony known in the world. The products have been many, but the ancient wine industry was almost ruined over a half a century ago, and now the natives are obliged to import many of their necessities, while exporting articles which cannot be produced in such perfection elsewhere. Among these, the Bermuda onion seed easily takes first rank, for nowhere else can such seed be produced.

It is hoped that some steps may be taken to help the Canarians, for upon their seed the Laredo Bermuda onion crop depends.

A GERMAN ARGUMENT.

With the casuistry which has always distinguished the German rulers, the people of that country are now being urged to fight for their investments. It being stated that Germany is divided between two propositions: One, to pay the gigantic debt which has been forced upon the people by the collection of an indemnity in case of victory, and the other, to repudiate the greater part of the debt in case of defeat.

An ancient seer said: "All that a man hath will he give for his life." This proposition is being changed nowadays to mean that a man will even give his life to save what he has. Among the most thrifty people of the world are the Germans. They have saved and scraped for years, only to see their savings turned into the war of the empire, and they are now urged to save.

order that the war chest may be at least partly filled.

When added to that, they are informed that all their investments in government bonds are to be lost unless Germany wins the war, it is calculated to make them desperate enough to win by any means within their grasp. Repudiation has never been the method of a strong nation, and it has always been considered the characteristic of a dishonorable one. A nation's honor lies in the payment of its just debts, and surely the war bonds of the German empire may be considered a just debt, if one is to believe the assertion of the Kaiser and his counselors that the war was being fought for the preservation of the empire.

The truth is that the German rulers are not at all scrupulous in their methods, and on the eve of defeat they are making desperate attempts to arouse the people to one last despairing effort. They know that the German peasantry will not complacently view the probable and very possible loss of their investments, wrung from their painful toil by the rainbow-tinted prospects of the war lords. Hence, they believe the threatened loss of a part or all of what they have contributed to the war chest will cause the people to fight to the last ditch.

In reality, the German Kaiser has given up all hopes of either winning the war or exacting indemnities. He realizes that if he can only keep Alsace and Lorraine and insist upon the restoration of the German colonies to the status quo ante he will be gaining more than he has even dared to hope for.

But his pride and his obstinacy will not permit him to acknowledge that he is whipped—completely and shamefully whipped. He knows that when the battle of the Marne overturned his cherished project of demanding indemnity through the occupation of Paris he was defeated. Everything since that period has not been in the hope of winning, but in the desire to inflict as much damage as possible upon his victorious foes.

The destruction in France and Belgium, the thrifty desire to make a profit out of stolen goods, the hope of staying off defeat until the victors should tire of the war, have all aided in his determination to never acknowledge that he was whipped so long as he could throw a fresh division or two into the field.

But now he has reached the end of his man power. What remains has to be moved on the chessboard of the war from place to place, and he realizes more than anyone else that "checkmate" cannot be much longer delayed.

Whether the desperate German people can be stimulated to further effort remains to be seen. They have nearly reached the limit of their endurance, they are in sight of the last potato and the few remaining crumbs of war bread. They have given their last penny to the war funds, and they have the consciousness that it was a wasted sacrifice.

And the strongest argument against the Kaiser's plea is the knowledge on the part of the German people that no one wants to conquer them, to make them a subject nation, to reduce them to abject poverty or to inflict further hardships upon them. The aim of the world war is to prevent them from again being placed under the heel of a tyrant and being used as cannon fodder for the subjugation of other peoples. This will react against the threat of the Kaiser to repudiate his just debts.

DEFENDANT GETS VERDICT
IN THE HOTEL DAMAGE SUIT

Jury Was Out One Hour Last Evening
When They Returned Verdict in
Favor of Hotel Hamilton Co.

The case of Manuel Saenz vs. the Hotel Hamilton Co. et al, suit for damages, which was called for trial in district court the early part of the week before a jury, was settled last evening, when a verdict was returned in favor of the defendants.

The case went to the jury yesterday evening at 5:30 o'clock, and an hour later they returned a verdict in favor of the defendants, the Hotel Hamilton Co. et al.

LIBERTY BONDS PAYMENTS
ARE DUE AND PAYABLE TODAY

Forty Percent of Purchase Amount of
Last Issue of Bonds is Due Now;
Last Payment in January.

The third payment on the Liberty Bonds of the second issue is due today, and those who purchased bonds on the installment plan have forty per cent of the amount to pay, the previous payment being two per cent when application was made and eighteen per cent as the November payment. The December and January payments on the bonds are forty per cent each.

According to what can be learned, it is very probable that the Liberty Bonds of the second issue will be delivered to subscribers during the month of January. The bonds, with the coupons attached, are now being printed and the five billion dollars worth of the certificates will be distributed as fast as it is possible to do so.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for
opportunities. 50c. per month.

VICE DRIVEN FROM LAREDO
BY VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN

CLEAN MORAL ENVIRONMENT
CREATED HERE.

200 Women of Evil Character Driven
From the City by Active Law
Enforcement Campaign.

The sweeping anti-vice crusade that has been conducted in Laredo for the past six or seven weeks has made this a clean city and has redeemed the pledges given by our citizens to Lieutenant E. W. Miller of the U. S. Sanitary Corps, who visited this city on Oct. 31st in the interest of the law enforcement campaign.

In all over two hundred women of immoral character have been driven from Laredo by prosecutions in the city court, presided over by Mayor McComb, through prosecutions in the U. S. District Court, through deportation by the U. S. Immigration authorities and voluntarily by reason of the vigorous campaign of arrests and prosecutions against those found guilty of violating the law.

Mayor McComb, City Marshal Brennan and the City Police Department have given splendid cooperation. Two special policemen have done duty every night on this class of cases and Abel Cantu has distinguished himself by his service as an officer in this crisis. Sheriff Salinas has appointed a special deputy upon the request of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce. The U. S. Department of Justice, the Provost Guard at Ft. McIntosh and the U. S. Immigration Service have all co-operated in such an effective manner that Laredo is now regarded by responsible authorities as one of the cleanest cities in Texas.

Nor is this all. The campaign continues with vigilance and will continue, as there will no "letting down the bars." The authorities have set their minds to making and keeping Laredo a clean city.

The War Department called upon us to do this and every agency in Laredo immediately responded. The business men at the Chamber of Commerce gave their pledge to the U. S. Government, the Mayor and the City Marshal promised to put into operation a vigorous law enforcement campaign. The representatives of the government had already been busy, but when all of the agencies combined it took but a short time to "clean up" the city.

Arrests are still being made wherever offenders can be located, but the vigorous campaign that has been conducted has eliminated vice to such an extent that there are but few new cases. Women of evil character who endeavor to come from other points are promptly driven out and the police supervision that is maintained over suspected areas and suspicious characters is producing results.

Laredo has shown a strong patriotic sentiment in every call the government has made and her response to the appeal to "clean up" has been as worthy as her generous response to the Liberty Loan campaigns, and those for the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the food conservation and in the raising of funds for war recreation activities.

TO ELIMINATE FIREWORKS
DURING XMAS OBSERVANCE

State Fire Marshal English Urges People
to Desist From Useless Waste
and Jeopardizing Industries.

Mayor Robert McComb, Fire Marshal Christen, Fire Chief Biggio and City Marshal Brennan are in receipt of communications from State Fire Marshal English urging the elimination of fireworks from celebrations during the holidays and suggests that "it is time that all of us come to a full realization of the fact that our country is at war; that every department of the government in both state and nation, is moving under a high tension to produce and conserve in order that our country and our allies may prosecute the war to a speedy and successful end. * * * Every firecracker that explodes, every skyrocket or Roman candle fired into the night carries a streak of fire and scatters sparks which might fall into a barn, warehouse, cotton gin, compress, cotton yard, or other storage place where it may smoulder for hours and then burst into a conflagration, carrying with it a lot of material badly needed by our soldiers and our allies."

The letter concludes with these words: "I would like to know that, in this critical time, not a piece of fireworks would be exploded * * * and that the watchword of your citizenship during the holidays shall be 'conservation.'"

Consistent with the action taken annually, and in full accord with the suggestions of the state fire marshal, City Marshal Brennan publishes a warning to all those firing cannon crackers or other fireworks in the city limits that such is prohibited and all parties caught violating the law in this regard will be dealt with severely.

A Warning.
The public is hereby warned that no firing of cannon crackers or fire arms will be tolerated during the holidays and anyone caught violating this warning will be arrested and severely dealt with.

M. BRENNAN,
City Marshal,
12-15-17.

'TIS THE SAME STAR SPANGLED BANNER.

'Tis the same Star Spangled Banner that Betsy Ross first did wave
And was followed by the men under Washington, a destiny to engrave;
'Tis the same Star Spangled Banner followed by Taylor in 1848,
When he crossed the Rio Grande and sealed old Santa Anna's fate.
'Tis the same Star Spangled Banner that waved through civil strife
As marching hosts went forward to the tune of drum and fife;
'Tis the same Star Spangled Banner that was taken up San Juan Hill
And convinced the Spaniards that Americans can fight with a will.

'Tis the same Star Spangled Banner that waves full proudly today
And will flutter at the head of the column moving over Berlin way.
'Tis the same Star Spangled Banner that's cheered men to great deeds
And made them lay aside all pleasures to meet their country's needs.
'Tis the same Star Spangled Banner that will flutter in the air
When Americans up there asunder the German Kaiser's ranks will tear.
'Tis the same Star Spangled Banner that is now waving in France
And will soon convince the Huns that to win there's not a chance.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 15, 1917. —J. W. FALVELLA.

WAS PIONEER OF THIS STATE
LIVING IN TEXAS 64 YEARS.

Mrs. Augusta Haenel, Mother of
Mrs. A. C. Richter of Laredo, Has
Gone to Her Reward in Heaven.

Mrs. A. C. Richter has the sincere sympathy of many friends in the bereavement which has befallen her in being bereft of her aged mother, Mrs. Augusta Haenel, whose death occurred at the home of Mrs. Haenel in San Antonio on Thursday morning. Mrs. Richter, with other members of the family, was present at the bedside when Mrs. Haenel passed to eternal rest. The San Antonio Express of yesterday contained a good photographic likeness of the deceased and the following tabloid sketch:

Thursday morning at 1 o'clock Mrs. Augusta Haenel, one of San Antonio's early settlers, passed away at her home, 115 Cedar Street. When a girl of 18 years she landed at old Indianola, sixty-four years ago, settling with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tewes, at Yorktown.

At the age of twenty-one she was married to Gustav Haenel, who took his bride to San Antonio, where they resided the rest of their lives. Mrs. Haenel was a loving helpmate, an exemplary mother and a friend and counselor to rich and poor alike. For many years the old home was the gathering place of the children who let no opportunity pass to pay a visit to their much-beloved and interesting parents, who were loved by all those many friends who knew and honored them for their sterling qualities.

She is survived by seven daughters, sixteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded to the Great Beyond by her companion of sixty years by just five months, Mr. Haenel having died in July of this year. The only son, Edward Haenel, died twenty-three years ago, and the surviving daughters are Mrs. G. A. Parsons, Laveria; Mrs. O. Heuermann, Odem; Mrs. A. C. Richter, Laredo; Mrs. J. B. Williams, Seguin; Mrs. Joseph H. Chapeck, Chicago; Mrs. O. Hegemann, San Antonio, and Mrs. Walter Shropshire, Yoakum.

The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Paul Hein at 3 p. m. today from the family home, 115 Cedar Street.

WAS VICTIM OF PICKPOCKET
NEAR AMERICAN CONSULATE

A. C. Bautista Was Relieved of His
Pocketbook While Standing in
Crowd Over in Nuevo Laredo.
Yesterday afternoon while A. C. (Chon) Bautista of this city was standing in a crowd of people in front of the United States consulate in Nuevo Laredo awaiting his turn to get into the office to have his passport extended, he was made the victim of a clever pickpocket.

Mr. Bautista was standing near the door of the consulate when someone got busy and removed his pocketbook from his hip pocket. In the pocketbook was a check for \$175 and American currency of \$5 and \$10 denominations totaling \$225. He says the work was done in a very shrewd manner.

SUSPENDS TRAIN SERVICE
FROM MONTEREY TO SOUTH

Reported That Bandits Are Active in
the Country Between Monterey and
Saltillo at This Time.

Yesterday there was no train service beyond Monterey on the National Lines of Mexico on account of the reported burning of a railroad bridge in the vicinity of La Ventura, south of Saltillo, by bandits.

Now announcement comes that train service from Monterey southward is suspended on account of the activities of bandits in the country between Monterey and Saltillo. The railroad office in Nuevo Laredo this morning announced that no passenger service was operating further south than Monterey on account of trouble "further down the line," but refused to state how far down the line from Monterey the trouble existed.

THE MOTION WAS OVERRULED
IN DISTRICT COURT TODAY

Suit Against Laredo Electric & Ry. Co. By W. H. Sweetman Was Not
Granted a New Trial.
This morning in district court Judge Mullally overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of W. H. Sweetman vs. the Laredo Electric & Ry. Co., which was a suit for damages.

The case was tried at the present term of the district court, when a verdict was returned for the defendants, and it was the motion for a new trial of the case that was overruled today.

TENERIFE LETTER IS MOST
INTERESTING TO LAREDOANS

NOTED SEED GROWER SUGGESTS
PROTECT SHIPMENTS BY NAVY

Federico C. Varela Writes Interesting
Letter Concerning Probable Shortage
of Seed in Tenerife.

An interesting letter has been received from Mr. Federico C. Varela, the grower of Bermuda onion seed in the Canary Islands, which will be of more than passing interest to the onion growers of this section.

Mr. Varela says in his letter, which is dated October 20, that the submarine blockade has caused Spanish steamers due to sail for Cuba and Porto Rico to suspend their sailings, and that this may seriously affect the Texas onion growers.

He suggests that an American warship be sent to convoy the steamers carrying the seed after August 20, 1918, thus protecting the shipments of the necessary seed with which to carry on business.

He predicts that the next crop, even providing that the weather is favorable, will not exceed 70,000 pounds, of which 25,000 pounds are sold in other countries than the United States.

He thinks the growers will do wisely in contracting at once for their onion seed, and that to make the contract more binding they should pay some money on account.

As to conditions, he says they can be verified by writing to the American consul at Tenerife, who will confirm the statements he has made concerning the probable shortage and the impossibility under present conditions of shipping from the Canary Islands.

This is a matter which calls for immediate action on the part of our Chamber of Commerce and our onion growers' association.

RED CROSS TO BEGIN GRAND
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AT ONCE

Laredo Wants 2,500 Members as Her
Quota of the Fifteen Million
in the Nation.

Next week, commencing Monday, the Red Cross Membership Drive will take place throughout the United States. Fifteen million members are wanted to carry on the work of the great organization, and Laredo wants 2,500 members as her quota.

The committees in charge of the local drive, with Mr. C. M. Fish as the leader of the campaign committee, will make every effort to reach all the Laredo people, and urge every person to subscribe to at least one year's membership, the fee being \$1.

On Monday night there will be a band concert on Jarvis Plaza, preceded by an automobile parade. The automobiles will assemble at Jarvis Plaza. During the intermissions throughout the concert there will be four-minute speeches by prominent Laredo men.

Suit Refiled.

Attorney Ira O'Meara on yesterday afternoon refiled with the district clerk the suit of Mrs. Agustina Benavides vs. Mrs. Lamar B. Benavides, suit to try trespass in title. This is the same case in which the plaintiff took a non-suit in the district court last Wednesday. The suit involves a tract of valuable land in the vicinity of the coal mines in this county.

LITTLE LOCALS

—The importations from Mexico to pass through this port yesterday afternoon consisted of two carloads of ixtle and five carloads of lead. The shipments arrived on a belated freight train from Monterey.

—The Webb County Exemption Board has not yet mailed out the questionnaires to the various registrants because of the fact that the necessary envelopes have failed to arrive. The documents will be mailed out just as soon as the necessary stationery arrives.

—Indications looked favorable for rain yesterday afternoon and also again this morning, but all signs failed, as the moisture failed to materialize. The cold weather is on the wane, however, and if persistency is adhered to there will be rain soon. And then everybody will be happy, for if there is anything that is needed badly hereabouts just now it is rain—and more rain.

TIMES WANT ADS.
5000 Money Makers 5000

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor . . . Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.

Mrs. Asher Smith will entertain with a Tea, honoring Mrs. Frederick Gilbreath from three until six o'clock in the evening.

The Red Cross Knitting Circle will meet with Mrs. W. W. MacGregor at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Ladies Night at the 37th Infantry Club, at Fort McIntosh.

Sunday.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will meet at the church at 6:30 in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian Church will hold its regular weekly meeting at the church at 6:45 in the evening.

The B. Y. P. U. Senior and Junior will hold their regular weekly meeting at the Creath Memorial Baptist Church, at 6:45 in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor of the Christian Church will meet at the church at 7:00 in the evening.

Monday.

The Nullo Club will play with Mrs. J. S. Penn at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Santa on the Way.

I can hear him singing faintly,
As he urges on his deer,
And his song is mellowed quaintly.

As the measures strike the ear,
But the lilt of it is jolly,
And the words of it are gay;
'Get the mistletoe and holly;
I have started on the way.'

I can hear the hoofbeats thudding,
As the snow is flung behind,
While the laden sleigh is scudding
With the swiftness of the wind,
And the echoes now are ringing
Broken murmurs of the song,
That old Santa Claus is singing
While the reindeer speed along:

"Little fellow, little fellow,
While you sit and dream of me,
And the marvel of the morning
That shall show the wondrous tree,
For your trust in all the fancies
Of the shadow and the gleam,
I am starting on my journey
Down the highway of your dream."

—W. H. Nesbit.

General Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira O'Meara left today for the country to spend several days visiting relatives and friends. They will return about the 27th.

PERSONALS

Miss Una Young of Brownsville is in the city and is the house-guest of Miss Zara Mowry.

Mrs. Fitzgerald and daughter, Roberta, are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. G'Sell.

Mr. H. W. Johnston returned yesterday from a short trip to San Antonio.

Miss Whitely of Chicago is the house guest of Mrs. Myer at Fort McIntosh.

Miss Ruth Murphy expects to leave next week for El Paso, to be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Brown.

Keeran Young is expected home today from Staunton Military Academy to spend the holidays with his parents.

August Wormser is expected home today from Virginia, to spend the holidays with his parents.

The Hebrew Ladies Aid Society will entertain the Jewish soldiers and the congregation on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Y. M. H. A. Hall.

Club Notes.

The Honor Guard Girls held their regular weekly meeting yesterday afternoon with Miss Belle Westbrook, and a very enthusiastic meeting ensued. In the business session held it was decided to make a donation toward the Community Christmas Tree. It was also especially desired by the members of the Guard to state that the trench suit on sale at Moser's store which was made by Mesdames Pennell, J. A. MacDonald, Walker and Putnam, is not only for the soldiers from Laredo, but for any man in the service who is lucky enough to win it. There was a good attendance.

Sansugi Camp Fire Girls.

The Sansugi Camp Fire Girls held their weekly meeting yesterday afternoon with Mrs. George Scratchley. The members have been very actively engaged in helping to sell Red Cross Stamps this week, and turned in \$12.00 to Mrs. Scratchley yesterday. At the conclusion of the afternoon the hostess served delicious hot chocolate and cake. Those present were: Misses Elsie Werner, Willie Belle Brennan, Laura Taylor, Irene Leyendecker, Eva

Scratchley, Katherine Crutchfield and the hostess.

Dance.

The officers of the Cavalry Post entertained with a delightfully informal dance Thursday evening at the Post Gymnasium in honor of Miss Whitely of Chicago, who is the house guest of Captain and Mrs. Myer. The walls were beautifully decorated in flags, pennants and crossed sabers. The Royal Orchestra furnished the music and delicious refreshments were served at the close of the evening. Among those present were: Captain and Mrs. Myers, Captain and Mrs. Fellows, Dr. and Mrs. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Barlow, Lieutenant and Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Sue J. Schmitt, Misses Whitely, Julia Leyendecker, Alice Denike, Evelyn Rodriguez, Zara Mowry, Ethel Macklin, Ruth Simpson, Josephine Sauvignat, Captain Herr, Captains Schaefer, Ball, Rinearsen, Rollman, Nichols, Lieuts. Joe Mudd, Fink, Keller and many others.

Red Cross Notes.

A letter received by Mrs. Earnest from Red Cross Headquarters at St. Louis under date of Dec. 11th says:

"We are in receipt of boxes of supplies and surgical dressings shipped to us on Dec. 1st and have inspected them for shipment overseas."

"We found the things extremely well made. In the future the bed socks are to be lined, and as we now have the new hospital garment patterns, we are asking the Chapters to follow them. We are also asking the Chapters to ship in concentrated ship ments and to discontinue the one patient equipments."

"Such carefully made work as yours is appreciated and we thank you for your co-operation."

This is the third letter of this nature received by Mrs. Earnest recently and one was received by Mrs. MacGregor in reference to knitting which all goes to show the class of work sent out by the Laredo Chapter.

Christmas Carols.

The Red Cross Christmas Carol service to be given on Christmas eve at 7:30 o'clock promises to be one of the loveliest Christmas ceremonies held in Laredo for many years. The ladies of the local Red Cross chapter, dressed in their white uniforms, will march in a procession through the streets, singing the beautiful and familiar old Christmas hymns. At the conclusion, the carol singers will go in automobiles to the Army Y. M. C. A. to sing for the soldiers. It is urgent that all the ladies in Laredo belonging to the Red Cross take part in the procession, whether they can sing or not, and Mrs. Austin wants a full rehearsal next Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Elks Hall. Please do not forget this rehearsal and make every effort to be there on time. It is necessary to have all the members at the rehearsals in order to give them their respective places in the procession.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued by Jno. C. Scott, Referee in Bankruptcy, in the District Court of the United States, for the Southern District of Texas, I, trustee in the Matter of Samuel Alonzo Yates, Bankrupt, will sell for cash, subject to Referee's approval, the following described property at the highest obtainable price:

(1) A nine-tenths (9-10) interest of Delina Mine in Vallecillo District, in the State of Nuevo Leon, in the Republic of Mexico. (2) The claim of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in the suit of Yates vs. Texas Mexican Railroad Company, et al, which suit is now pending in the District Court of Webb County, Texas. (3) The one hundred and fifty dollar (\$150) judgment in the case of Yates vs. Pence, which case is now on appeal. (4) The one-half share or portion, owned by the bankrupt, in a certain judgment recovered by him for the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) against The International and Great Northern Railway Company.

DARIO SANCHEZ,
Trustee of the Samuel Alonzo Yates Estate, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, Dec. 13, 1917.

12-14-17.